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[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]

G. H. Howell Esq.

Dear Sir:

Thanking you for your favor of yesterday about the cost of extra copies of my report, I beg you will print me fifty of them. I should be glad if possible to have five of them in the sheets as, as as they are printed without their waiting to be stitched to the rest.

The proofs shall be attended to at once and returned to you promptly. Two covers of them came late last evening.

Yours very truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

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[illegible] [illegible], Shiba, Tokei,
20 March, 1875.

[illegible]

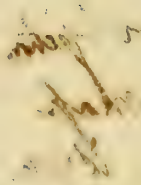
Sir,

[illegible] again [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]
to thank you & receive [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
receipt [illegible]

that [illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]? You would [illegible]
very [illegible]

Yours very truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

[illegible]



[illegible]

[illegible] Cabon.

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] who has been the means

[illegible] and delays of depriving me of them

[illegible] through the whole winter, although obliged in the end

[illegible] himself wrong.

Convinced as I am that little good work can be accomp-

[illegible] while my attention is so continually taken up by

[illegible] of the [illegible] manager and it's [illegible]

[illegible] they are plainly so [illegible] disposed to thwart me

[illegible] personally but in business matters, that [illegible]

[illegible], I beg to ask hereby through you for an [illegible]

[illegible] from the [illegible] and under [illegible]

[illegible] of the region [illegible]

[illegible]

are for whom it has so little respect, and whose ideas of business rules are so much at variance with its own

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Benj Smith Lyman

Shiba, 28 March, [illegible]

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday transmitting to me the Okurakio's letter to you of the 25th of this month in regard to the [illegible] written orders from the Kaitakushi to three young assistants.

The forwarding of the writings in question would be an admission that my assistants might look for instructions to somebody besides myself, and lead to their obeying orders from the same source or transmitted by any other messenger.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

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Shiba, [illegible]

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of
yesterday transmitting to me the Chokuwan's letter to
[illegible] of this month in regard to the direct
orders [illegible] you [illegible] to three of my assistants.
[illegible] forwarding to the writings in question would
[illegible] admission that my assistants might [illegible]
[illegible] tion [illegible] besides myself.
[illegible] justify their obeying orders from the [illegible]
[illegible] transmitted by any other messenger.
I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Benj. Smith Lyman.

Phila; 28 March, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter [illegible] day transmitting the Kaitakushi's letter of the [illegible] of this month in regard to removing my house [illegible], and enclosing a [illegible] from Mr. Morris dated the [illegible] of [illegible] month.

It is not surprising that Mr. Morris's remembrance of the understanding he explicitly gave me as to the place of my residence should be less distinct than mine; for my interest in the matter was naturally much more lively. My recollection on this point is clear; and I cannot doubt that any court would consider the expression I quoted from his memorandum of agreement as fully confirming my statement.

[illegible] the right to live at Yedo, I have never demanded the [illegible] of selecting myself the location of my house; but only [illegible] [illegible] being [illegible] from it [illegible].

I have no [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Kaitakushi [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that will be [illegible] by [illegible]

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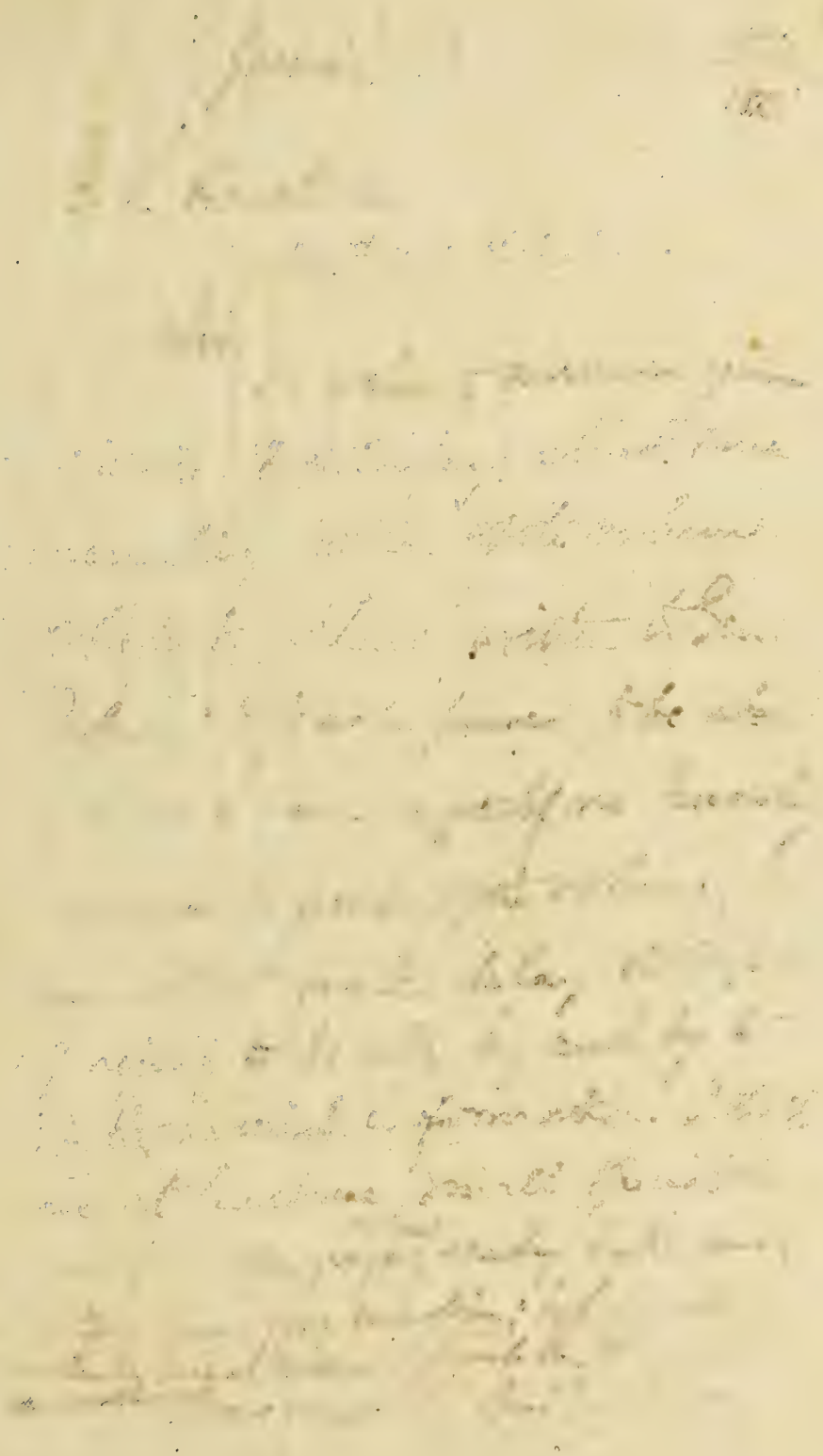

Shiba; 28 March, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

I have the pleasure of sending you herewith a little map just finished showing the Ishikari River from its mouth to the Yubets according to Mr. Wasson's mapping last year, and the upper waters of the Ishikari and the [illegible] and the lower Sorachi according to my sketching of last summer. My sketching of the lower Ishikari is also given by a heavy dotted line (corrected so far as to make it correspond with Mr. Wasson's map at the beginning and end) and moreover Mr. Wasson's mapping of the same region, the best hitherto, is copied in light dotted lines for the sake of comparison.

I would recommend that the little map be photographed and printed on plain paper to insert in the volume of Reports now printing, as an illustration of [illegible] of my Report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Benj. Smith Lyman

[illegible] 28 March 18[illegible]

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

[illegible]:

It causes me great reg[illegible] to Commun[illegible] to you for the Kaitakushi [illegible] receiving [illegible] Mr. T. Yamauchi his desire to resign his [illegible] of translator and assistant [illegible] the [illegible]es.

I have always looked upon him as destined [illegible] many a year the leading Japanese [illegible] for he not only seemed to have great [illegible] studies and work, but he could easily [illegible] of his ^present^ fellow assistants by reason of the [illegible]antages he had in respect of age, [illegible] [illegible]fence

[illegible] deploring so [illegible] a loss [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], I cannot nevertheless [illegible] desire [illegible] recommending the acceptance [illegible]; since he considers it quite impossible [illegible] work.

[illegible]onorable

Sir,

[illegible] obedient [illegible]

Shiba, 28 March, '75.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

It causes me great regret to have to communicate to you for the Kaitakushi the request of my valued assistant Mr. T. Inamura to resign his post as translator and assistant geologist on account of the weakness of his eyes.

I have always looked upon him as destined to become in many a year the leading Japanese geologist; for he not only seemed to have great taste for our studies and work, but he could easily keep in advance of his present fellow assistants by reason of the great advantages he had in respect to age, education and experience.

While deploring so serious a loss not only to myself but to the geology of Japan, I cannot nevertheless fail to second his desire by recommending the acceptance of his resignation; since he considers it quite impossible to continue his work.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most obedient servant,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Shiba, Yedo; 9 April, 18[illegible]

Dear Mary:

Mail day has come round again and I must not let it slip away without a letter to you in spite of my feeling [illegible] up [illegible] my office work, longer and more fatiguing than usual today. It is the more necessary to write because the last mail a couple of weeks ago did somehow slip away almost before I knew it was intending to go, and I am afraid you might in view of it [illegible] the appearance attribute the absence of a letter to ill health of mine. On the contrary my health has continued to improve very steadily and my [illegible] to increase by stuffing carried perhaps too far, un[til] I am considered to look better in health than before my sickness. As for strength, I walked about fourteen miles day before yesterday between half past three and a quarter to eight; though I think the fatigue was perhaps more decided than it would have been formerly, and my [illegible] are still very sore. The walk was taken in order to see the cherry blossoms of Uyeno, of which I wrote last spring, and the many tea booths and visitors thronging them, to go across to the cherry trees of Mukojima which proved to be just about in their prime while the Uyeno trees were a little past theirs. As the day was windy and dusty and we [illegible] a little late the number of visitors at both places was less than usual for the season [illegible] crowds of idlers and even revellers was [illegible] [illegible] the most interesting [illegible]

othe places. Besides such spots where the cherry trees are so very numerous there are great numbers of flowering trees now in bloom scattered all over the city, either in the public streets or half public temple grounds or in private gardens. My next door neighbors on the west, the police station, have a back yard very nicely filled with such trees, judging by what we see over the top of the high black board fence. The priests' garden on the other side and mine, only partially separated by a fence, have been boarded up, but still have some cherry blossoms and camellias and a few other flowers. I take great delight in my little independent house and garden, and feel as contented and as snug as a bug in a rug, to quote an elegant saying that you may have heard before. It is true, however, that in other departments men of my salary are much more expensively lodged. The penurious Kaitakushi, [illegible] has had the idea of choosing me out of even these quarters for the rest of my term of service, by transferring the headquarters of my survey to Sapporo, and furnishing me at least nominally with a house there; nominally, for I should be travelling about in the woods all summer, and probably not even reach Sapporo until November. They would thereby save the enormous sum of seventy or a hundred dollars in rent ($14 a month). I happened this to discover in the memorandum of agreement [illegible] ... at first sight that there was something that

secretfully to confirm, what I have always said that [illegible] distinctly gave me to understand that I was to live at [illegible] in the Windows [illegible] to have my house here. So I have been fighting about the matter, and [illegible] [illegible] some [illegible] [illegible] that I was coming off [illegible], although [illegible] [illegible], Kaioda's particular friend, did write that he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what [illegible] he did. Yet he added [illegible] his memory of the matter is indistinct [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] confirmed by [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] used unless I am right. [illegible] [illegible] however [illegible] [illegible] days ago appointed [illegible] to take Mr. [illegible]'s place as quartermaster [illegible] [illegible], showing an intention to persist in their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] removal; [illegible] I sent in my resignation, quite worn out with [illegible] annoyances in a business way that they have put on me. Hardly had the resignation been sent when a couple [illegible] letters came that strengthened my desire to [illegible] released. One of them reiterated the refusal to carry out agreement in regard to the control of my assistants. No answer has yet come to the letter of resignation, but [illegible] [illegible] insists that I must not give it up. If my claims [illegible] reasonable [illegible] [illegible] to the manner of carrying on business are not granted, I must insist upon [illegible] to leave even if I have to [illegible] for it. The General and his wife were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after the first of April that they are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to get off by the twenty-first [illegible]

through the Inland Sea to Nagasaki and back, and to sail for America in the City of Tokio, early next month, without coming again to Yedo. They want me to go with them (partly as interpreter) to Nagasaki; but there seems to be no leisure for such a pleasure trip. There is still a good deal of work to do on our maps and reports of previous surveys and we are trying hard to finish it before going to Yesso. Time of departure has not yet been suggested, and I think it will be even later than last year. Of course my illness has put us back somewhat. My long report or journal of last year's journey is now getting printed and will be done in a day or two. It has been edited and expurgated by Genl Capron, without any change however but the omission of certain passages that he thought might seem objectionable to the Kailakushi (unwelcome advice) or to others (a little radicalism). Perhaps two or three other small reports of mine on special pts or subjects will be ready in time to be printed along with the rest. Also four or five maps of ours will probably be ready to go into the volume. Several Americans are going home by the Tokio: Mrs. Arnold, the pretty widow, and her son; Mr Wasson, Mrs Day. Mr. Day expects to spend next winter in Sapporo in accordance with the order removing his survey there. He has lost two or more of his best Japanese assistants in consequence of their unwillingness to live there; and my chief Japanese assistant, Mr. Hamanuchi sent in his resignation the other day, perhaps for the same reason [illegible] be assigned the weakness of his eyes. [illegible] day [illegible] asked to withdraw [illegible] resignation [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] day and Mr. and [illegible] Barton [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Eruiana [illegible] Kalinquane [illegible]

[illegible]

1. Situation.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]
5. [illegible]
6. [illegible]
7. [illegible]

General Thrace Rafron, Commissioner and Advisor to the Railroads

Sir: I have the honor to make you the following Report on the Idguenaewa [illegible]

1. Situation. — The Idguenaewa [illegible] is [illegible] by the sea [illegible] about a mile [illegible] from the village [illegible] Gavinas, [illegible] and [illegible] to the [illegible] village of Kamayo on the other side; and [illegible]

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2. [illegible]

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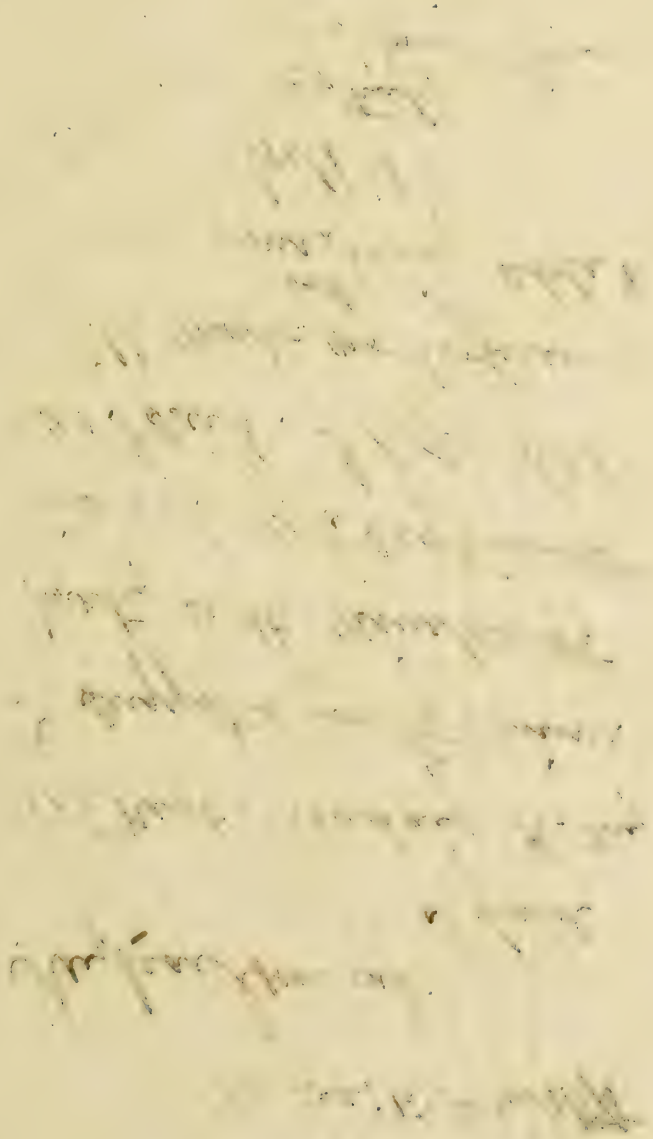

All the other
beds of rock, exposed here and there through
a thickness in all of about 1700 feet reaching
about 1000 feet below the oil bearing bed are
[illegible] the soft bluish gray sand rock

weathering first greenish gray and then brown; sometimes the rock is a pepper-and-salt gray sand rock; sometimes it is a bluish gray sandy shale. The fossil strophalosia are very abundant and are found at almost every exposure

Shiba; 17th April 1875.

General Horace Capron,

Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

Your favor of day before yesterday en-
closing Mr. Kuroda's letter in answer to three letters
of mine of the 27th and 28th of last month is at
hand.

He now undertakes to draw a distinction in
the treatment of my assistants between officers
and students among them. If such a distinction
need exists, is it not too late to suggest it now;
when the distinct and explicit agreement of the Cho-
kwan of 15th of last November makes no men-
tion of it but promises that orders to all my assis-
tants without exception or difference shall be issued
through me, and when that same explicit agree-
ment, though only an acknowledgement of what
was already tacitly included in my original con-
tract, was called out by difficulties in regard to
officer assistants. It is clear that the promise ap-
plies especially to that portion of my assistants
only conceivable [illegible] for [illegible]
between [illegible] and that

possibly have a trace of the old-time ridiculous notion that a man who receives instructions from a foreigner is less than a human being, a slave. If any of my assistants have that feeling, I should be most happy to be relieved of them at once; for they must be sorely lacking in intelligence.

A rule of business that is found best throughout America, England, France, Germany and the rest of the civilized world and that has held good before this in Japan seems to me good enough for the present emergency, especially as in this case there is a pretty explicit promise in black and white to carry it out; and I must therefore insist upon it and decline to forward the orders in question.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Benj. Smith Lyman

Liba: 17 April 1875.

General Grace Papers

Commissioner and Advisor to the Kaitadwals.

Sir:

Your favor of day before yesterday enclosing the Chakravarti letter in answer to three letters from the 27th and 28th of last month is at hand.

We now [illegible] a distinction in the treatment of my assistants between officers and students among them. If such a distinction really exists, is it not too late to suggest it now when the distinct and explicit agreement of the Chakravarti of the 8th of last November [illegible] [illegible] of it, but promises that [illegible] my assistants without exception or difference should be issued through me, and then [illegible] [illegible] explicit agreement, though only an acknowledgement of what was already [illegible] in [illegible] in my original contract, was [illegible] [illegible] difficulties in regard to officer [illegible] [illegible] the promise applies [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 19 Jan. 1871.

My [illegible] Friend:

As I am so soon [illegible] [illegible] opportunity of doing you any favors I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] request & make an answer to the [illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible] me yesterday, and [illegible] herewith.

The [illegible] of his letter is the handwriting [illegible] I [illegible] to be a liar and the [uncalled for] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of my former letter together with my previous experience of letters falsified in translation and written by [illegible] interpreter with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] me suggest the inquiry [illegible] [illegible] letters [illegible] from me [illegible] [illegible] mutilated or had their translations [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] himself. It is hardly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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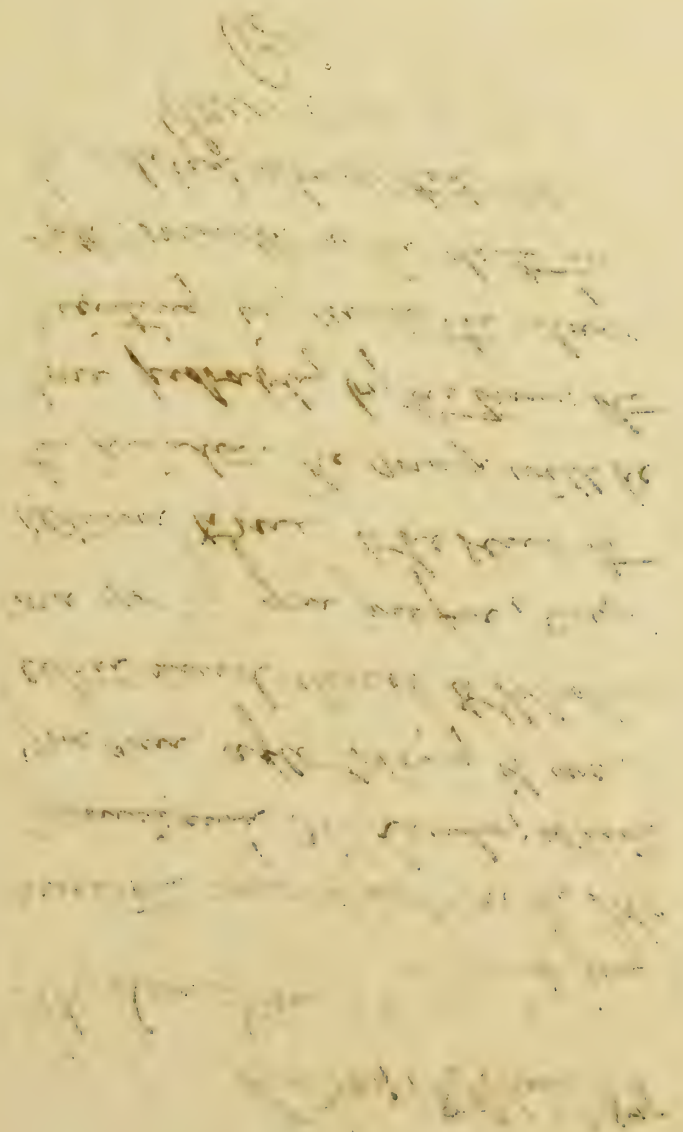

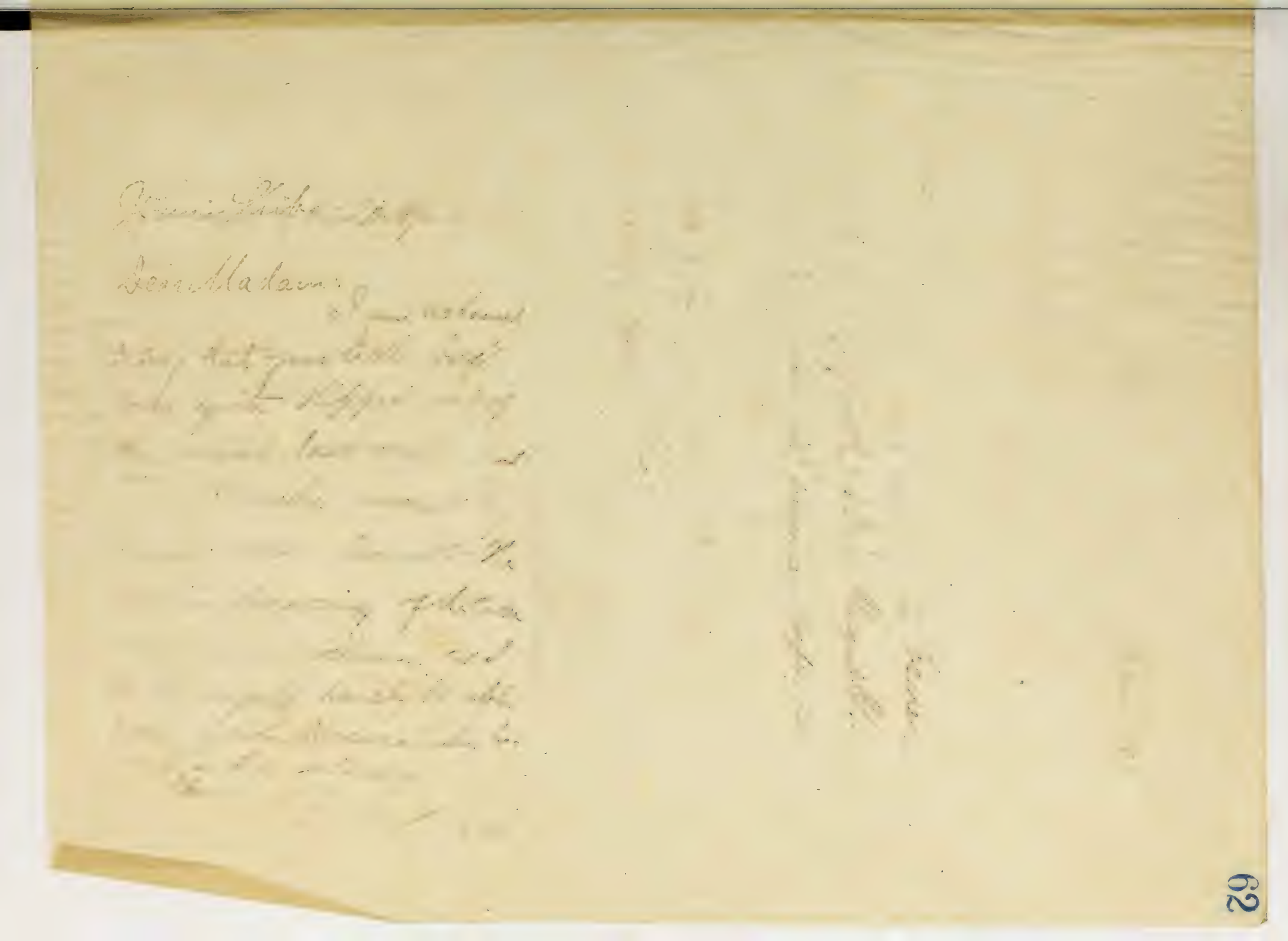

Milan, 23 April, 1

Dear Mr. Norris:

already been so costly that much further work
upon them will be no credit to either of us. The
Mesa field in particular (after what we have
learned from the borings) has already cost very
far beyond the bounds of the two or three weeks
it was expected to take, unless it proved decidedly
richer than it has.

Yours very truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

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Inuwie, Chiba, 25th April, 78.

G. W. Rowell Esq.
[illegible] Mail Office

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] are on pages 2, 8 and 12 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of 19 pages, [illegible] words in all. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the part not yet printed and [illegible] [illegible]; and the [illegible] could be corrected by [illegible] at the end of that report [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]: "Errata: On pages ...... instead of "Yumukuchenai Brook" read "[illegible]"; and instead of "Okotanai Brook" [illegible] "Yamukushinai Brook." [illegible] [illegible] old proof slip, with the errors marked [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

Shiba, Tokio; 23 April, 1875.

Dear Mary:
Mail day again and no letter yet to acknowledge as received from you. Really if I can get [illegible] I must [illegible] the [illegible] to see if nothing can be found. Two or three days ago a single number of the Springfield Republican [illegible] after a long [illegible].

General and Mrs. Capron are to go to America in the City of Tokio which is to sail on the 25th of next month. He had taken their passage in a steamer for [illegible] last week [illegible] the 21st, but almost at the last moment came a request from the government for a report from him that would take so much time that he has to stay a little longer. He hopes however to make a pleasure trip as far as Kobe, Osaka and Kioto. He has received from the Mikado some beautiful bronze and silver objects as a parting gift, finely wrought birds in silver with leaves and twigs in bronze. There were also some fine lacquer boxes for Mrs. Capron. When their departure was fixed for the twenty first I planned a dinner party which came off on the [illegible]. Besides themselves there came [illegible] and Mrs Bingham (their two daughters and [illegible] are on a pleasure trip to China), Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and [illegible] Mrs. [illegible]. [illegible] invited [illegible] to decline. After dinner we had [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

and much more natural; but though very amusing,
Japanese not very much so to a foreigner ignorant of
language, after the novelty has worn off. So after a little
it was cut short and some musicians and dancers were
brought forward; first, an old blind man who played on the
"koto" or Japanese harp, a much more pleasing instru-
ment than the common "samisen" or three stringed banjo.
He was accompanied by an old woman who played
a sort of violin and who having her head shaved like his
and wearing a dress like a man's seemed to be a man
until her feminine voice was heard. A young woman
[illegible] played the samisen. After that six or eight
[illegible] little [illegible] and dancing girls performed. We
[illegible] went home about eleven o'clock, and imme-
diately thereupon my neighbor the priest came in
with six or eight of the inmates of his house, mostly
women and came from our room of boys on the other side.
They had been enjoying the fun in the verandah outside
by looking in at the windows that I have lately had set
in the paper windows. So the musicians and dancers car-
ried out their agreement of playing until twelve o'clock.
Aside, each brought her own servant girl (or in one or two
case, a boy) to carry their extra clothes and toilet articles.
There must have been in all about fifty or more individuals
in the house that night. One of the attendants had with
a baby in arms. — On the twenty first a farewell dinner
was also given to the Captain by Mrs. Murray, at which
were also present. There came, besides, Dr. Veeder Mr.
[illegible] a pretty young lady [illegible] theirs, [illegible]
[illegible] to be their neighbor and Dr. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

remarkable for its tasteful arrangement especially [illegible] its flowers. I sat between Mrs. Capron and Mrs. [illegible]. She is a very agreeable, excellent woman. She has lived many years in China at Ningpo, and has heard about our Cousin Dora Forbes through Mrs. Hepburn of Yokohama, who has a great admiration for our relative and [illegible] husband. Dr. MacCartee is also very agreeable and a much better scholar especially in Natural History as well as in the Classical languages than most of the foreigners I have met in Japan. They live in [illegible] same "compound" with the Governor, Kaga Yashiki [illegible] is called, about four miles and a half from [illegible] near the northern end of the city. He has lived so many years in the East that he has no impatience to get back to America, and is likely to stay here several years longer on a new contract. This morning I spent in visiting the grounds of the Emperor's castle or palace in the centre of Yedo; for they are just now thrown open to the public almost, merely on condition of holding a ticket that is very easily obtained. Five of my young men [illegible] accompanied me, and we all enjoyed the [illegible] very much. The grounds are really very beautiful with little hills and plains and groves of large trees and of fruit trees, and lakes and [illegible] waterfall and a suspension bridge, and several charming summer houses with beautiful [illegible] before them. We walked about [illegible] [illegible] and as the walk [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The walks and views are so arranged that the space seems at first much greater than it can really be. There were great numbers of other visitors, especially of soldiers in large groups. The emperor does not at present inhabit the place, as the castle was burnt down a couple of years ago and has not yet been rebuilt. [illegible] rebuilding has now been determined on. He lives quite outside the moat in the very large enclosure of the grounds of his mother.

[illegible] I am still in Tokio, and the departure of our [illegible] party has not yet been fixed and seems [illegible] not to take place until June, so that we may [illegible] of the work in hand somewhat delayed by very [illegible] of the [illegible]. It is possible that we may go North by land. The [illegible] has yielded the point about my [illegible] [illegible] until [illegible], and even says we can come back here rather early in the fall. I think too that the disputed matter about issuing orders to my assistants only through me, as specially agreed upon, [illegible] [illegible] in my contract, is going to be yielded [illegible] at this time still more practically. But I fear that my friend Mr. Akiyama may not be reinstated. He set out yesterday for his native place to visit a sick [illegible] relative in answer to a telegram, and will not return for a month. By that time my hopes in regard to him may look brighter. My long report has been printed and I am going to send a copy in sheets with this, all but the [illegible] not yet received by me. [illegible]

[illegible] printed also, and [illegible]

[illegible] unfinished [illegible] and [illegible] so and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Shiba, 28th April, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

The godown that was assigned to me last year for our collections of Yesso minerals and other objects has lately come into some disorder by the rotting and falling of the roof of a small shed attached to it at one side; and it has been suggested to me that I should apply for the needful repairs, and I accordingly do so.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Benj. Smith Lyman

Shiba; 28 April, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Advisor to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

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Your most obedient servant

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Shiba; 28 April, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

I beg to inform the Kaitakushi that the services of Messrs. Kubota and Makino (who were some months ago assigned to me as special drawing assistants at my request for such temporary aid) will not be needed by me in Yesso, nor probably even here after a month hence, unless one of them should be allowed for the completion of Mr. Munroe's maps.

Suggesting therefore that they may be assigned at the proper time to other duties,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Yeddo, 28 April, 1871.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.
Sir:

I beg to inform the Kaitakushi that the services of Messrs. Kubota and Makino who were some months ago assigned to me as special drawing assistants at my request for such temporary aid, will not be needed by me in Yesso, nor probably even here after a month hence, unless one of them should be allowed for the completion of Mr. Kumroi's maps. Suggesting therefore that they may be assigned at the proper time to other duties,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Yeddo, 28 April, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

In the copy of a letter from the Chokwan forwarded to me by you on the 15th of this month it was stated that in view of the near approach of the end of my engagement I should return to Yedo rather earlier than usual next fall. I have since learned from you verbally that the copy was sent by an oversight, as the original had not been signed by the Chokwan. I beg therefore to know if that part of the letter is to hold good. In case it is, I further beg that the order of the 27th February last to instruct at least one of my assistants to accompany me to Yesso with the expectation of staying there through the winter may be modified; the aid of them all will be very necessary to me here in finishing up our [illegible] and reports.

Dublin, 23 April, 1895.

General Roberts, Inspector,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Irish Police,

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter from the Chairman
of Commissioners and by your order on the 15th inst.
month of two months that in view of the
reduction of the cost of my emoluments
I should retire on Wednesday 2nd July
from usual next fall. Please advise
learned there upon carefully that Mr. Coffey
was sent by our counsel, on the recommend
and return signed by the Chairman. I
am therefore to know of that last of the
letter is the real cost. In case it is I
shall then let the order of the 27th
February last to withdraw at least a
portion of your emoluments to correspond
to those with the reduction of staff
which was made on the 1st April
and to have me retire upon the pension
which was then in existence at
that time.

Shiba, 28 April, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

In the copy of a letter from the Chokuwan forwarded to me by you on the 15th of this month it was stated that in view of the nearness of the end of my engagement I should return to Yezo rather earlier than usual next fall. I have since learned from you verbally that the copy was sent by an oversight, as the original had not been signed by the Chokuwan. I desire therefore to know if that part of the letter is to hold good. In case it is, I further beg that the order of the 27th of February last to instruct at least a portion of my assistants to accompany me to Yezo with the expectation of staying there through the winter may be modified; for the aid of them all will be very needful to me here in finishing up our maps & reports.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Shiba; 28 April, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Advisor to the Kaitakushi.

Sir.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter and invoice received by me night before last from Pr. Henry in regard to the meteorological instruments ordered through him a year ago.

As I should be glad to inform him of their safe arrival and landing here (about which he felt very anxious) and to thank him for his trouble, I beg to be informed on the subject by the Kaitakushi; and have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Shiraz 24 April, 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Envoy to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter and invoice received by me night before last from Prof Henry in regard to the meteorological instruments ordered through him a year ago.

As I should be glad to inform him of their safe arrival and landing here (about which he [illegible] very anxious) and to thank him for his trouble, I beg to be informed if subject by the Kaitakushi; and have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Wiba, 29 April, 1875.

General Horace Capron,

Commissioner and Advisor to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter and invoice received by me night before last from Prof Henry in regard to the meteorological instruments ordered through him a year ago.

As I should be glad to inform him of their safe arrival and landing here (a thing which he will very anxious) and to thank him for his trouble, I beg to be informed of the subject by the Kaitakushi, and have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Shiba, 30 April '75.

General Horace Capron
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

In answer to your favor of today in regard to the orders sent to three of my assistants direct from the Kaitakushi I beg to say that I cannot agree to the sending of such direct orders even by me, still less by the hands of another.

In August last I made complaint against the issuance of such orders to my assistants, and, as it appears particularly in the case of one officer assistant and in regard to the place of his work. In November I complained further of the issuance of orders direct from the Kaitakushi to [illegible] assistants to go with me from Tokio to Yesso. The result of a discussion of the matter was a distinct, explicit promise from the Chokuwan (dated 15 Nov. 1874) that in future no such orders should be given to any of the assistants whether in Yesso or elsewhere. Up to that time, too, [illegible] "assistants" and [illegible] used more particularly for "officers," [illegible] were at times [illegible] of the Japanese as assistant [illegible]. It is [illegible] possible [illegible] that the promise [illegible]

reference to the officers as well as to the students and to the orders concerning of removal from Yedo as well as to all other orders [illegible] any work either in Yedo or in Yesso. The giving the order of removal to Yesso through me this year to most of the assistants really [illegible] that it was considered [illegible] by the Chokuwan as coming under his province.

You cannot surely consider me over-reaching towards the Kaitakushi either hitherto, or if I decline now to yield the whole matter in dispute. At the time of my complaint in August last, [illegible] to resign in case the Kaitakushi had unwittingly agreed to do what it disliked, although many [illegible] would have seized upon so easy a chance to withdraw from an irksome engagement and [illegible] salary for the full [illegible] besides heavy damages. The Kaitakushi chose however to [illegible] me and to put in black and white the promise of [illegible] November, which had till that time been [illegible]. You assured me then, as you have [illegible], that all would in future go well, but in [illegible] the Kaitakushi has kept on with [illegible] and must have expected the violations of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

of my renewed complaints, so far from attempting any reparation of those or previous grievances or even showing the slightest regret for them, it at the same moment discharges one of my assistants on a frivolous pretext, making him the scapegoat of their vexation at my reasonable demands, and making me in effect the unwilling cause of injury to him. Although new violations of the promise make it still easier for me to withdraw from my engagement and recover unpaid salary and damages, I have lately once more asked to resign. The Kaitakushi chooses again to retain me, though it cannot claim now to be unaware of its own obligations. I have certainly not been over-exacting, nor illiberal; have asked no favors, only what is essential to the proper conduct of business for the benefit of the Kaitakushi itself; and in spite of all such annoyances have kept steadily at work whenever they and health, even ill health, would permit.

In regard to the substance of the orders now in question, they require the assistants to make their home at Sapporo from the time of leaving Yedo with me. As it is perfectly well known already that I need them all here on my return in the fall, the [illegible] becomes now worse than useless. Why can it [illegible]

dropped as a matter of the past; and a new order issued, this time in the proper manner through me (since the Kaitakushi cannot now plead ignorance), requiring me simply to take them with me on my trip to Yesso? It would be gratifying to have at last one proof that the Kaitakushi intends to carry out its promise; and I cannot conceive how there could be the least loss of self respect in its abandoning at length its former mistaken course and adopting one that must raise it at least in the respect of others.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Hako. 1 May 1875.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.
Sir:

In the copy of a letter from the Chokwan forwarded to me by you on the 15th of last month it was stated that in view of the nearness of the end of my engagement I should return to Yedo rather earlier than usual next fall. I beg therefore that the orders of the 27th of February last to instruct at least a portion of my assistants to accompany me to Yedo with the expectation of staying there through the winter may be modified, for the aid of them all will be very needful to me here in view of our maps and reports.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

Jimmu, [illegible], Shiba; May 17.

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

Yesterday afternoon the enclosed proofs of Mr. [illegible]'s Report with a note from Mr. Howell (dated [illegible]) requesting me to forward them to you were accidentally discovered under a pile of newspapers on [illegible] table where a servant had [illegible] and where they had lain [illegible] night ever since. Regretting that such a mistake could have happened, and [illegible] that it will not happen again, I remain

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

[illegible] 1875.

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Dear Mr. Munroe:

I send you herewith a batch of proofs that Mr. Howell omitted to my address not knowing yours. I have taken the liberty to [illegible] two or three errors that struck my eye on glancing at the beginning of them.

Yours very truly

[illegible]

Kobe 6 May, 1875.

My dear Sir:

I hand you herewith the Kuchikuchi letter about the [illegible], Mr. Russell's letter and the corrected proof [illegible] until the [illegible]. The [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the young men in exchange, not only valuable work but some of the best years of their life; and the arrangement seems so ungenerous, not to say unjust, that the Kaitakushi can hardly fail to rectify it on coming to understand the true state of the case.

Profitable as their work has been to the Kaitakushi for the past two years, it promises to be still more so the coming season; because they are now so far experienced as to work in the field to still better advantage, and with perhaps no special instruction whatever. Besides having to undergo very great privations and perform the rudest labor they are moreover required to spend the whole season in the remotest wilderness, very far from human habitations and society; a condition that, so far from taking the place of the education promised them by the Kaitakushi, tends rather to drag down even a man already educated to a lower level than his fellows. I beg to recommend that all three seasons of field work, but especially the coming one, the reckoning as part of [illegible] service which [illegible]

Sapporo; 6 May, 1873.

General Horace Capron,
Commissioner and Adviser to the Kaitakushi.

Sir:

At the suggestion and request of my young assistants in Department belonging to the Kaitakushi service I beg to present two matters to the consideration of the Kaitakushi. In regard to them both I am unaware of having myself any direct personal interest or prejudice, but only a friendly concern in what touches so closely the young men with whom my connection for over two years has been so agreeable.

1. It seems that they are under agreement with the Kaitakushi to serve it five years beyond the time given to their schooling, and they urge that the time spent in Surveying season on account of field work may be taken as a part of the five years. Such a request seems to me so reasonable that [illegible] doubt that it would have already been granted [illegible] field work of the [illegible]

realised the usefulness of their labors and the very small amount of instruction they have received in the meantime. About half of them for months together or the whole of a season's work have received no instruction whatever from either Mr. Munroe or myself; and even when in the same party with us, they all have usually spent the whole day in the mountain with their coolies alone, at work which is of great direct practical use to the Kaitakushi, not to speak of the experience that will be indirectly very useful both to them and to the Department. Their labor has been at least four times more valuable than that of the coolies, and yet they have received for the Kaitakushi only about the same compensation; just the same, I believe, as the servants allowed to Mr. Munroe and myself. Indeed even that has not been reckoned as compensation for their work, I understand, but as a payment in lieu of the instruction they would have received in Yedo. It may be something like what such instruction would cost, but the Kaitakushi in addition getting something else for

young men use to the Kaitakushi.

2. They also wish me to inform the Kaitakushi what they have lately learned by inquiry of me in regard to geological work for next year. Although I shall not be with them, they will by that time be still better fitted than this year to work alone in the field, and will be able to make surveys of great importance at points which I can indicate before finally leaving them, and to finish maps of the same so far as to show the topography and all the geological observations. They will still be too inexperienced to be able to draw all the inferences from such observations (for example, to lay down the outcrop lines of coal beds on the maps), but the maps would be very useful even without that, and any experienced structural geologist could complete such maps by putting in the outcrop lines, as well as if he had been on the ground himself. There is plenty of such surveying to be done yet in Yezo, indeed it would probably take several years to go with such thoroughness over all the land.

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coal fields where mines may be established in future years. It will of course be some years before all parts of the fields will have mining, and what we have hitherto aimed at has been merely to get some idea of the extent of the fields and to make more particular surveys of certain portions that are nearest to the Ishikari River or to the sea. The more distant portions though important for some future day are not at present so pressing. Nevertheless our young men could not be better employed next year than in continuing such surveys before they have forgotten what they have just learned. They will at the same time be adding most profitably to their experience, and becoming more and more able to do all that is expected of a complete geologist. It is not only of the utmost importance to the Kaitakushi, as largely interested in coal mining, to have a body of Japanese well trained in geology: but it is extremely desirable for all Japan, because all the coal

not far distant when the whole empire must have such a geological survey as we have been making in Yezo.

I am fully convinced that the reason for my writing of these matters arises solely from the lack of intimate acquaintance with geological affairs that has hitherto prevailed in this country; and have therefore made bold to offer my advice.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Phila. 9 May 1778

[illegible] Horace Mayer,
Commissioner, and Attorney to the Indians.

Sir:

Thanking you for your favor of yesterday I beg [illegible] with your request to return the three written orders herewith; and have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Benj. [illegible]

6. There are two or three cases of spelling that escaped you, possibly slips of the pen, but one is a [illegible] letter. Here are Simmesen p. 24; [illegible] (instead of [illegible]) pp. [illegible] [illegible] (instead of [illegible]) p. [illegible]. For my own part I prefer the omission, in writing English, of the final u of letters as the word seems to me really well enough ended and, although there be a very slight vowel sound in the Japanese pronunciation there is none whatever in the English except when compounded with some following syllable that begins with a consonant. But that is a [illegible] for yourself to decide in your own writing.

7. As to the shrinkage you speak of on p. 46: Mr. Trautwine says: "Average earth, when loosened, swells to take about 1¼ or 1½ of its original bulk in place; although, after being made into embankment, it eventually shrinks into less than its original bulk." As in your case the ground could not have had time to shrink, perhaps you may like to change the expression used.

8. On p. 17, "ela" should be "ita"; and should not [illegible] be [illegible] "ta"? And on p. 33 should not ig be ty? On p. 42 [illegible] of the [illegible] omitted. On p. 79 Kobsi should be [illegible].

Yours very truly, [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]; 11th May, 1875.

My dear Mr. [illegible]: I beg you to decide a point in regard to the Japanese language, [illegible] discussed by Mr. Munroe and myself. In his report on the gold fields he has used the expression "one hitotsubo" for a cubic [illegible] in giving the yield of gold in the gravel [illegible] the same way as he speaks of a cubic [illegible] cubic [illegible] my impression has [illegible] measure of surface [illegible] acre, for example); and that it [illegible] more proper to say cubic tsubo than to [illegible] the acre; [illegible] tsubo is a square, [illegible] perhaps be no more absurdity in [illegible] of a cubic [illegible] than of a cubic yard in lineal measure, and the creation of [illegible] would decide the matter. Please [illegible] know 1° whether hitotsubo is used for a cubic [illegible] without expressly saying cubic; hitotsubo [illegible] 2° whether we write [illegible] 3° [illegible] 4° whether in your [illegible] cubic [illegible] would [illegible]

If not convenient for you to answer this evening please do so tomorrow morning.

Yours very truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

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Benj. Smith Lyman
Chief Geologist & Mining Engineer
to the Kaitakushi.

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Tiba: 14 May 1875.

My dear General.

Do you not wish to add something to the Table of Contents or to the Errata? If you will do so and return him to me I will send them to Mr. Howell along with the proofs of my last report.

I corrected and sent to him a second proof of that report fully a week ago and supposed that he had printed it at once.

Yours very truly

[illegible]

[illegible], 17 May [illegible]

H. S. Munroe Esq.

Sir:

1° Your favor of this morning requesting me in accordance with a letter received yesterday from Kanda [illegible] Chokurwan "to instruct Mr. Makins to report to you at your rooms if possible today at one o'clock P.M.", is at hand. Mr. Makins has reported here today that he is ill and will probably be so for two or three days, he being unable being at the office to-morrow which I shall [illegible] to [illegible]; but with that exception I have no [illegible] to complying with your desire in regard to him.

2° The first reading of your letter gave me the impression of rather a peremptory demand backed up by an order from the Chokurwan which I have not [illegible] but a little consideration has convinced me that [illegible] any such meaning. Nevertheless [illegible] misunderstanding or [illegible] [illegible] of the practice of [illegible] communication [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible], I beg that in [illegible] you will [illegible]

of the usual rule in such cases and [illegible] of communications through me.

Hoping that the observance of that [illegible] has proved to be useful and [illegible] may give you [illegible] I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] 20 May [illegible]

[illegible] Esq.

[illegible] Office, [illegible]

[illegible] Sir:

Your letter of [illegible] was not noticed among the papers until your messenger [illegible] an answer. In answer I [illegible] as follows from [illegible]

"March 18, 1875. The cost of extra copies [illegible] upon the necessity for renumbering the pages. [illegible] [illegible] that the pages will be renumbered [illegible] [illegible] your report independently [illegible] reports the cost will be (presuming 300 pages)

50 copies [illegible]

including binding [illegible]

"April 23, 1875. It is quite understood that you require 50 copies of your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Nothing more [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] that it was hardly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Kaitakushi, Yedo, Japan; 22 May, 1875.

[illegible] Putnam Esq.
Permanent Sec'y. A. A. A. Science.
Salem, Mass.

[illegible] Sir:
Enclosed please find a bill [illegible] first part, drawn in your [illegible] for seventy dollars on E. H. [illegible] Messrs. A. A. Low & Bros [illegible] which you [illegible] collect conveniently through [illegible], and which please devote [illegible] to pay dues to the Assoc. [illegible] purchase the life membership [illegible] & buying as many of [illegible] volumes of the Proceedings before [illegible] beginning with vol. I [illegible]. If any money should be left [illegible] payment therefor the volumes. Please send [illegible] care of [illegible] Mass., and oblige.
[illegible]

Kaitakushi, Yedo, Japan;
22 May, 1875.

J. B. Ecclesine Jr. Esq.
Manager of the Railway World.
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:
Enclosed please find a bill of Exchange, original, in your favor for [illegible] dollars, drawn by me on Mr. E. H. [illegible] of Messrs. A. A. Low & Bros. No. 3 Burling Slip, New York, in full payment of your bill for the U. S. R. R. & M. Register & the R. R. World from 20 Jan. 1873 to 20 Jan. 1875. You can probably collect the same conveniently through [illegible] bank. On the 20 Jan. 1876 [illegible] paper, and oblige.
[illegible]

Prof. Joseph Henry,
Sec'y Smithsonian Institution,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for the receipt
since the last mail of your favour of

eters of which the tubes had broken and one of which the rubber tube had broken. The quicksilver was in the barometers and after breaking the tubes [illegible] leaked out and disappeared [illegible]. There is however an instrument maker in Yokohama who can mend the needed tubes.

Thanking you very much for your kind[illegible] in the matter I remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Benj. Smith Lyman

[illegible] 18 May, 1875.

[illegible] Esq.,
New York.

My dear [illegible]:

I beg to make you acquainted by this with Mr. [illegible] my particular [illegible] [illegible] the Chief [illegible] General Cap[illegible] who is just returning home covered with [illegible]. You will find him a most agreeable [illegible] and [illegible] you [illegible] assure [illegible] most interesting information not only [illegible] [illegible] in general [illegible] of [illegible] in Europe.

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Mexico; 22 May 1875.

Prof. J. P. Lesley
No. 1008 Clinton Street, Philadelphia.

My dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to make you acquainted with the bearer of this, my particular friend General [illegible], lately [illegible] of peace, but now just returning home with his [illegible]. You will be glad to know so agreeable a gentleman, and one who in high official position [illegible] an appreciation of the [illegible] of science, and a desire to [illegible]. You will find him [illegible] pleased to hear and talk [illegible] which you are so [illegible] interested.

Very [illegible] yours,
[illegible]

Kaitaia, Hokianga, 23. May, 87

Dear Mary, I have the pleasure of acknowledging
the receipt of quite a packet of letters from you, namely
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3266th,

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even to regard me as a dangerous wild beast than the General had seen rolling back from an assault upon them. They were accordingly been very [illegible] to [illegible] me [illegible] and [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible]; and [illegible] [illegible] field but one officer [illegible] [illegible] and declared [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] himself especially [illegible] very likely [illegible] [illegible] the General [illegible] [illegible] great [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] writing [illegible]

[illegible]

for [illegible] as the one in use by the Japanese [illegible] that time.

In the English translation of his book published in 1728, long after his death, he gives a dozen dif- ferent Japanese names for the empire besides the one here; or more elegantly pronounced [illegible] in describing the islands of the Empire (p. 60) says: "The first and largest is called Nifon, from [illegible] the name of the whole Empire." His English translator says in the introduction "The Japanese, in all their maps, represent their Empire as consisting of very many islands, great and small, the largest of which is by them called Nifon" &c. The [illegible] of the Empire in the same book, avowedly copied from Japanese maps, gives the name of the [illegible] as Nifon, while a small map on the same sheet gives it as [illegible] and probably the [illegible], in Kaempfer's [illegible] would sound that [illegible] as [illegible] pronounced as the [illegible] Nihon [illegible]) In the German edition of Kaempfer, first published in 1777, [illegible] the name [illegible] as follows: [illegible]

Phila: 10 June, 18[illegible].

Dear [illegible]:

Your favor of yesterday came [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] addresses [illegible] you are [illegible]:

[illegible] of Natural [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

American Philosophical Society, No. 10[illegible] South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

[illegible] of "Nature," No. 2[illegible] Bedford Street, [illegible] London.

General Horace Capron, Washington, D.C., or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I [illegible]

If you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Phila; 10 Jan. [illegible]

My dear [illegible]:

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], and I send you [illegible]

I found yesterday in [illegible]

Office two or three [illegible]

[illegible] Agriculture from [illegible]

[illegible] send them [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]. I send [illegible]

[illegible] left at Mr. [illegible]' Office [illegible]

[illegible] to me; but I retain [illegible] copies [illegible]

[illegible] your report, as you have it in [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible] misprints [illegible]

corrected [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible].

I am just [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], after [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Yedo; 17 June 1875.

Dear Mary:

Here it is mail day again and we are
in the midst of packing up for the summer [illegible]
[illegible] where [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and we expect
to [illegible] afternoon [illegible] this, if the weather be fair and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] our baggage [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a time in advance [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] for the
summer. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] each [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Japanese [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] an advantage [illegible] [illegible] the American
Steamers off the Coast are [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] Japanese [illegible]
[illegible] Steamer has a foreign captain, and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] line [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]). At Yokohama yesterday [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
envelope [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] found [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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days here. They will spend the season in [illegible] in two parties opposite each along the edge [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] river. I shall [illegible] [illegible] in that neighborhood and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there [illegible] [illegible] coal [illegible] [illegible]. Mr. [illegible] is somewhere [illegible] copies of my [illegible] printed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] These reports all make up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by General [illegible] of the Kaitakushi [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and General [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 50 [illegible] [illegible]. The Kaitakushi [illegible] inclined [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] scholars [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] three foreigners, Messrs. [illegible]

[illegible]

Tornin, Drimon, Shiba;
[illegible] June 17[illegible]

[illegible]

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Hakodate; 21 June, 18[illegible]

My dear Mr. Dun:

Here I am at last! (arrived yesterday) and I [illegible] you to write a little word to you before that I [illegible] at the Yokohama post-office after the last mail, and a [illegible] of Japan Gazette [illegible] [illegible] newspapers and the Yokohama [illegible]. I expect to [illegible] with you day after tomorrow on my way to Mori and beyond; and if you have any letters or anything else that you would like to send to Sapporo I will take it for you with pleasure. Perhaps some of these newspapers, if you finish reading them by that time, may be of interest to the [illegible] at Sapporo.

They have just [illegible] me [illegible] from [illegible] the one that [illegible] had last year. Do you remember hearing him say how he liked it? It seems to be rather rough [illegible], but otherwise pretty good for a [illegible] [illegible] equal to the one I had year before last, a [illegible] [illegible] very gentle [illegible] little larger than the [illegible]. If that one is still at [illegible] and can be had, I'd like to arrange for it in passing, but it must be very [illegible] [illegible] Perhaps you can give me some advice [illegible] [illegible]!

Yours very truly, [illegible]

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[illegible], 22 Sept. 1875

My [illegible] [illegible];

I was very much pleased to get your letter here yesterday, though disappointed at finding you had probably [illegible] [illegible] ahead at the time of my arrival. My [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] waiting nearly an [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the flesh and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] in two months; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and learning from him that you were going to wait at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] along as well as the horse's strength would allow. On finding you already gone from there I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], thinking you [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] you, [illegible]. I wish I could have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you, but am expected in Yedo by the end of this [illegible] and so must go right on, and [illegible] to your [illegible] us somewhere.

What weather we have had! and here it is pouring again today as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] they had never been [illegible] before [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their bottoms knocked out all at once.

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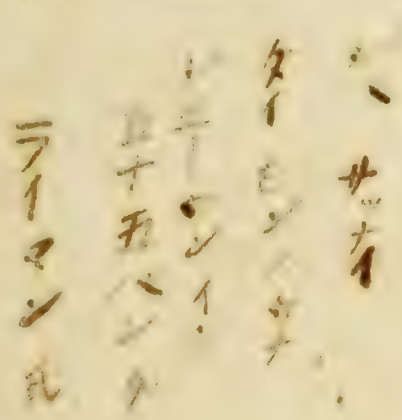

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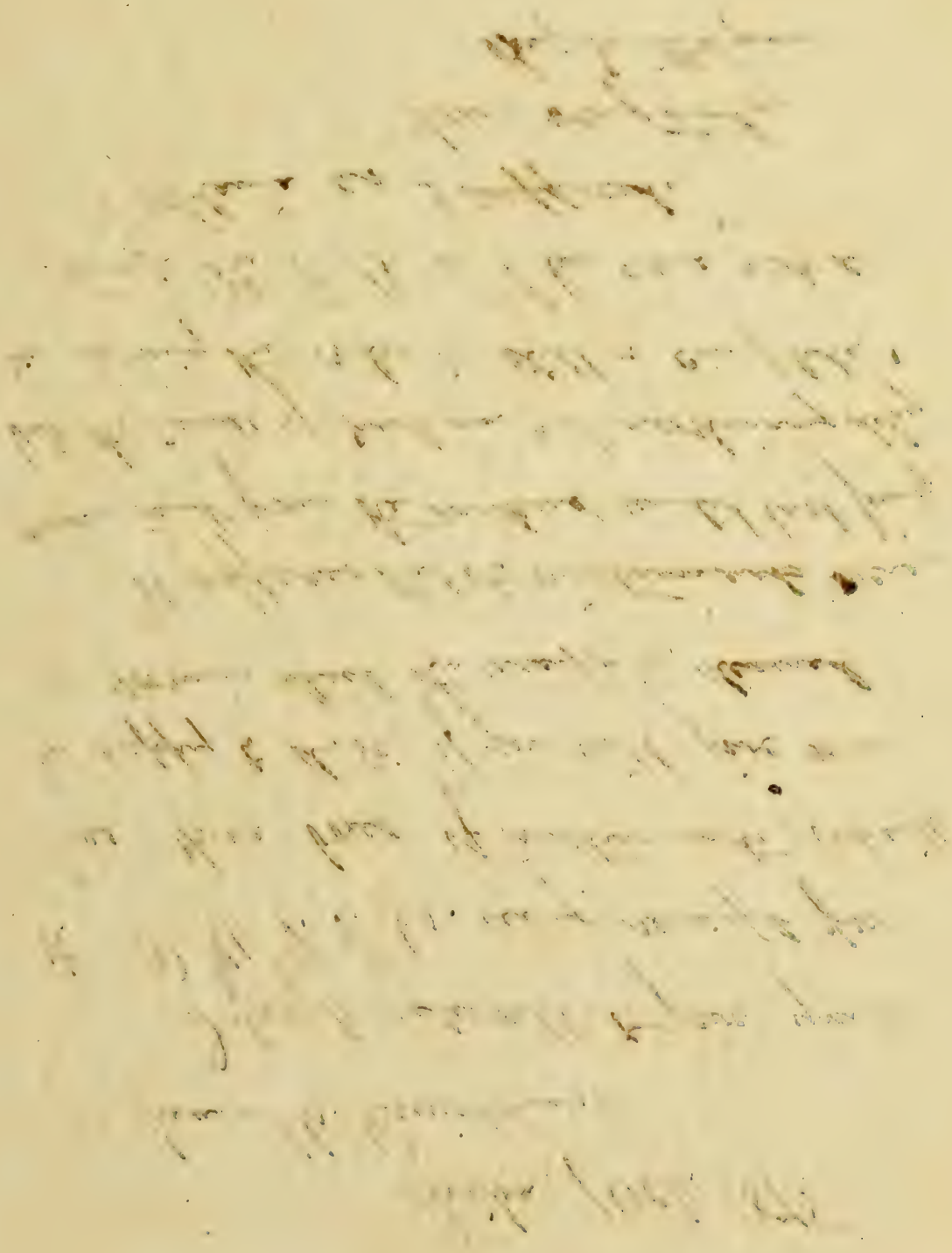

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Yourain, Daimon, Kiba; 9 Oct. 18[illegible]

[illegible] Munroe:

I have [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] your note of 30 July, which came to hand a month ago; but have not yet [illegible] the Museum to see the things you [illegible]

Having arrived [illegible] [illegible] of the fourth, I learn from [illegible] that you have the [illegible] [illegible] one of [illegible] Maps. If you have not yet [illegible] of him for me, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

long been practically my only American corres-
pondent, and now for the first time was unable
to inform me of Miss Kate's illness through the
[illegible] used of your devoted labor by day and
night to her relief. You indeed, in all
[illegible] suffering and trouble have not [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] that you did your [illegible]
[illegible], leaving [illegible] two [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] efforts [illegible]
[illegible] beyond your strength.

I am expecting next to leave the [illegible]
of [illegible] within a few months in [illegible]
[illegible], but you may remember my engagement
[illegible] until next December, but my plans
are not yet fully decided. The account of my
health [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for some [illegible]
to have been [illegible] the beginning of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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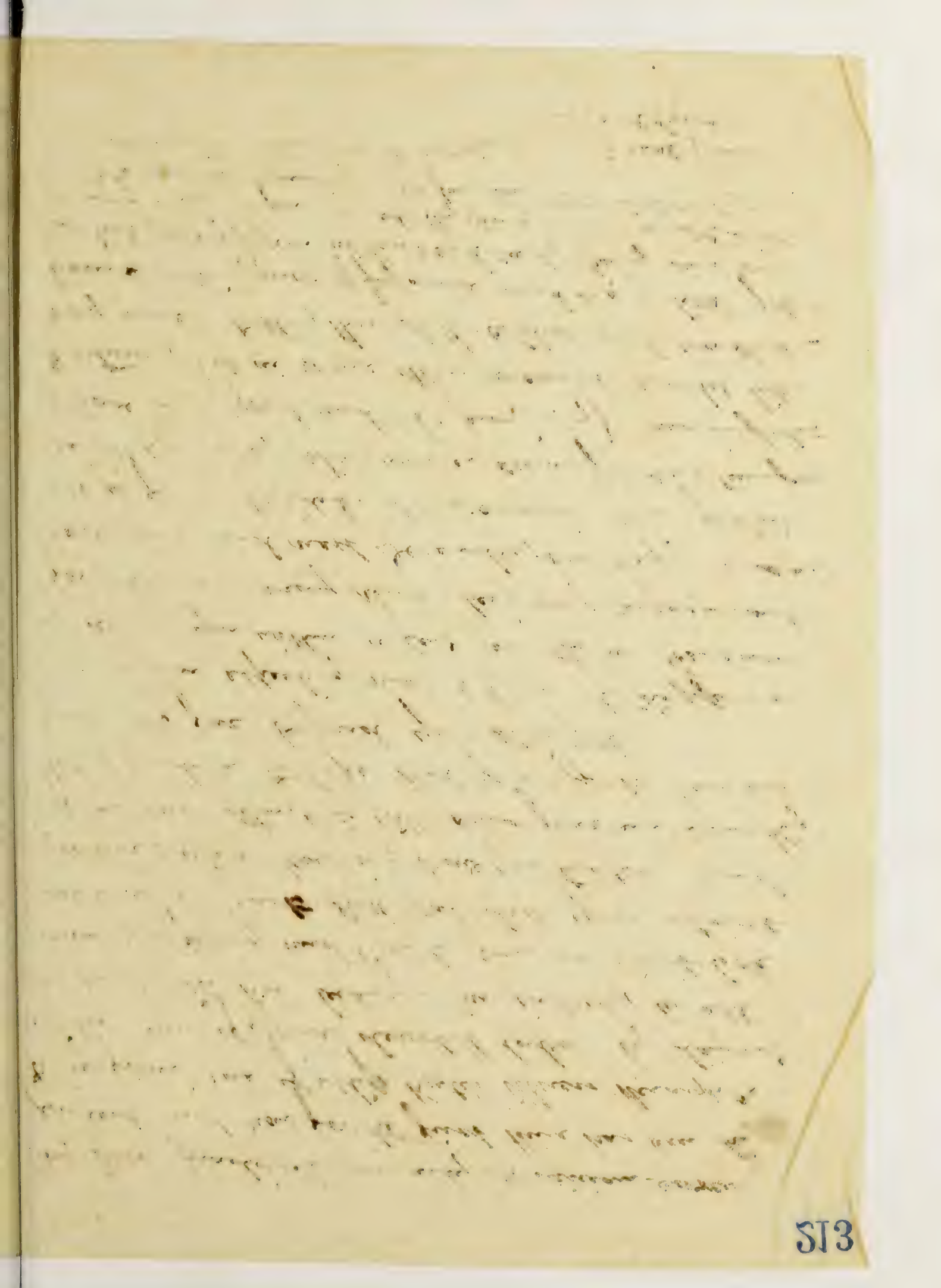

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Kaitakushi, Yedo, Japan, [illegible]

John B. Pearse Esq.
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners
of the Second Geological Survey of Pennsylvania,
No. 223 [illegible] Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sir

I have to beg you to give my very hearty thanks to the Commissioners [illegible] of Lesley [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible], which reached me here through your kindness and read with great [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
B. S. Lyman.

Peking, China, 22 Oct. 18[illegible]

Gen. Horace Capron,
Com. of Agr. Dept., Washington.

My dear General:

I am sure you will be sorry to learn that Mr. Wells Williams' health though [illegible] manner still [illegible] quit [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] that the Doctor feels [illegible] up his [illegible] here and return to America if any good opportunity should occur.

It is said that with [illegible] [illegible] institution (especially Mr. [illegible] is [illegible] with the [illegible] there is [illegible] a [illegible] of Chinese [illegible] will agree with me that Dr. McCartee [illegible] [illegible] years' study of the language and [illegible] [illegible] proficiency in it with his high attainments in the medical and natural sciences and in [illegible] [illegible] and with his excellent judgment and quiet [illegible] and gentlemanly manners is [illegible] an admirable man for the place. He has, however, been so long away from home that he may have in some degree [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that, if you have [illegible] [illegible]

Sitka, Ala. 24 Oct. 187[illegible].

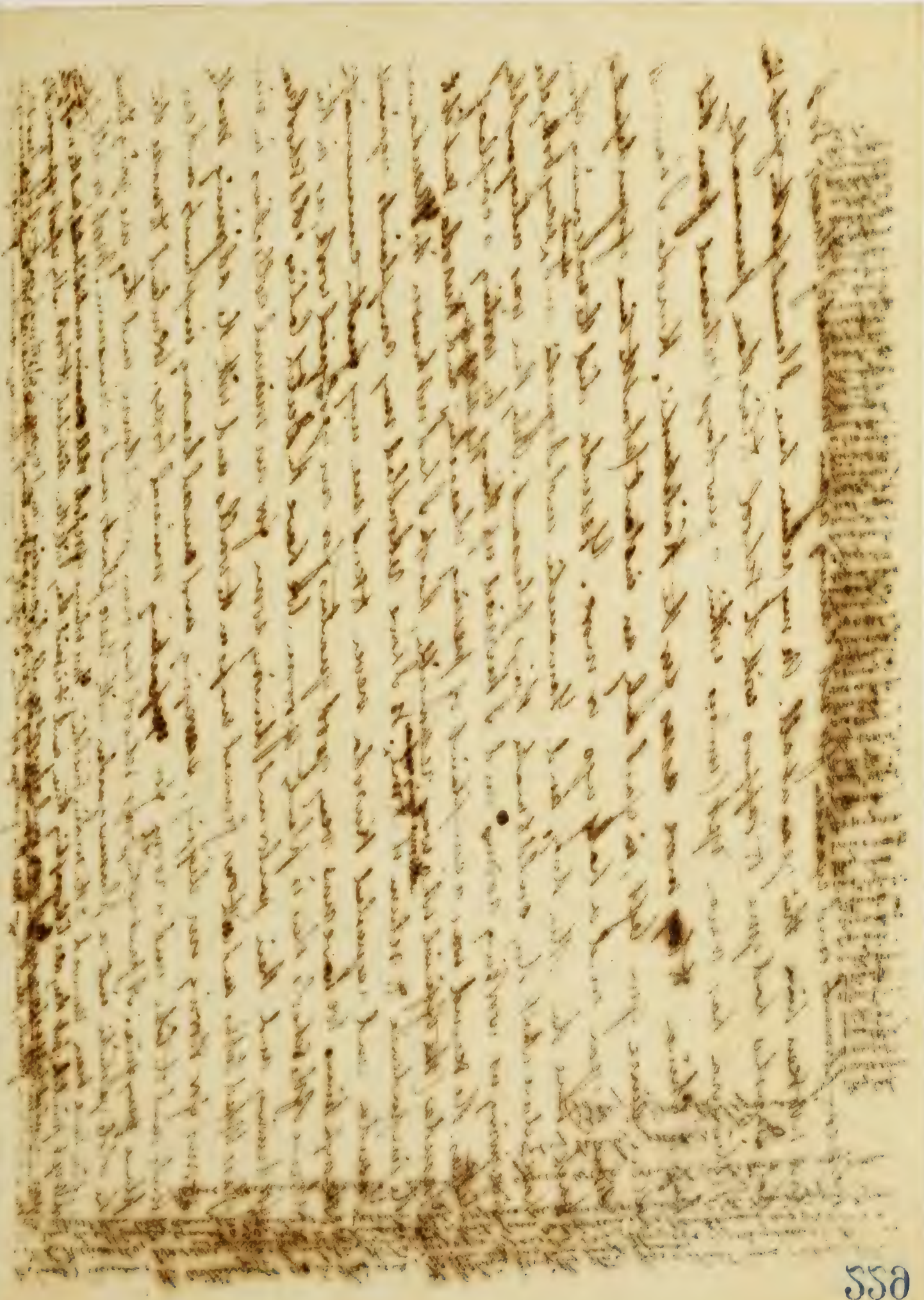
Gen. Horace Capron.

Washington.

My dear General.

You will doubtless be curious to hear something of the progress of affairs in the Kaitakushi within my branch [illegible] during the past season. You have probably heard through the newspapers [illegible] about the cession of Saghalien to Russia in exchange for the Kurile Islands [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was just [illegible] back [illegible] to the places in question [illegible] with a Russian Commission to give [illegible] possession. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] going on an expedition [illegible] and among the Kurile Islands in order to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] (at least [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Sapporo [illegible] and just left when I arrived there in July. [illegible] [illegible] gone up into the woods as far as [illegible] [illegible] place that I [illegible] in July 187[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from here my [illegible] in Sapporo [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in order to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

On my arrival in [illegible] there were only Company's
[illegible] friends there. Mr. [illegible] had gone on
to the coast and had started the same day that
Trai and Day arrived there, but Trai had given
up and we [illegible] him on the outskirts of the town, where
the Governor turned out with [illegible] against Trai
after having [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the use of the
surveyors in surveying the land of the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Day and Trail left on [illegible] [illegible] from the
the western and eastern ends of the island stopping
here and there to fix the latitude and longitude by astr-
onomical observation and they [illegible] expected
to get back to [illegible] about the 15th October, but were
much delayed by rainy and cloudy weather.
James and [illegible] did little or no surveying along
the coast road. [illegible] received a telegram from [illegible]
to [illegible] "Surveying" to [illegible], and some days after
owing to a break in the telegraph (in consequence of my
telegram requesting to make a survey) [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. I was not sorry to get a
little experience in that branch of surveying and was
[illegible] the job, little thinking that owing to the inequality
rough and difficulties of the [illegible] and the remarkably
rainy weather it would take almost the whole of my
[illegible]



Kaitakushi, Yedo, 2[?] Oct. 1875.

My dear Mr. Lesley,

I enclose herewith a letter for your brother Dr. Allen Lesley which you may send on [illegible] or not according to your own judgment [illegible] the [illegible]. Although it was written on the receipt of his favor of the [illegible] of July [illegible] has been little prospect [illegible] reaching him [illegible] unless his movements should be delayed [illegible] he expected. I have been anticipating much pleasure from his visit here, and have [illegible] already [illegible] him since the [illegible] [illegible] must have left San Francisco [illegible] after the [illegible] of [illegible].

Knowing the importance of your position in [illegible] [illegible] matters, as well as geological, it has occurred to me that you might possibly be consulted directly or indirectly in regard to the selection of professors in the Johns Hopkins Institution in Maryland where [illegible] is [illegible]. In case you should in any way have [illegible] to say a word [illegible] the matter I beg you will [illegible] the very uncommon [illegible] [illegible] for the professorship of chemistry [illegible] [illegible] of fifty [illegible] who [illegible]

at the University of Pennsylvania and at the best medical school of Philadelphia and came to China some thirty years ago as a medical missionary. He has lived there ever since until his [illegible] when he came here to be professor [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. His employers are much pleased with [illegible] and a few months ago renewed his engagement with him for [illegible] years, but his wife's health is not very good and he would like to return to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] should be a great chance there. He has lived [in] China very pleasantly and is quite famous among the people of the world for his knowledge of the language both written and spoken, having been long absent [illegible] may not be so well known there. He has been sometimes mistaken by the Chinese for a native [illegible] on account of his skill in the language. He also served our government as consul for many years and in [illegible] service of the utmost importance owing to his knowledge of Chinese. He was not only an excellent general and medical education but more particular acquaintance with natural history, and besides a thorough scholar in [illegible] language [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] as [illegible] I think he would be a great acquisition to [illegible]. He has since he came here studied Japanese with [illegible] and would no doubt be able to teach the rudiments though he might not think so. His wife is an excellent woman too, and they [illegible] conceal the good [illegible] of [illegible] in their manners.

I [illegible] to thank you not only for the letter you wrote [illegible] to Belgium last year, but for the reports D & I [illegible] and for several of Hayden's publications that the Secretary of the Interior sends at your recommendation. I [illegible] the reports [illegible] with great interest in the woods this summer when they [illegible], and was particularly pleased with your own and Dr. [illegible]. It struck me that Mr. Wrigley's work would have been a little [illegible] from the [illegible], and that it might have been in some points rather severely handled by the U. S. [illegible] a year or two earlier. I take it you have the choice of your own [illegible] and can make them anything you [illegible] this work.

Kailakushi, Yedo: 25 Oct. 18[illegible].

Dear Mary:

I have to thank you most heartily for the receipt of your five favors of 9th May, 8 June, 18 July, 2 Aug., and 7 Sep., that have from time to time posted me so faithfully in regard to home affairs, especially father's and [illegible]'s health. Your last letter, in spite of your effort not to arouse undue anxiety, has in reality made me very uneasy, and I shall probably hasten home as soon as I can get leave here in December next. Do not fear by that my coming to be an additional burden to your housekeeping; for my hope is to board or lodge [illegible] on a very small scale somewhere in your neighborhood, and by daily visits add, if I can, one small pebble to the comfort of his declining days and perhaps relieve you of some of the fatigue of reading [illegible]. At the same time, I shall have my own work, so that neither he nor you need feel disturbed at my apparent retirement from active life. In the meantime you are perfectly right in taking it for granted that, as for the little bodily comforts of warm fires and the like which he may think his economy will not justify, I shall be most happy to make good that outlay [illegible] [illegible] that in mind. I am expecting your next letter by the steamer now overdue, with great anxiety.

I missed writing you by the last steamer owing to imperfect information about the time of its sailing, having me [illegible] only time to write a few lines to Miss Charlotte [illegible]. Your previous letter had brought me the sad news of the loss of [illegible], a most unexpected and severe shock to me. Although she always predicted a short life for herself, she was so [illegible] young a friend that I looked forward to seeing again in America with more confidence. — My reason for not writing [illegible] before that [illegible] letter, that I was coming back [illegible] would [illegible] to bring my letter [illegible]

and before that was extremely hurried ever since my la[illegible]
written, and if correct, [illegible] of the field there was a [illegible]
owing to rain my fatigue was so great as to prevent writing [illegible]
any pleasure. We were far back in the woods and whenever there
came a chance to send a letter to Sapporo it was at [illegible] [illegible]
that nothing could be written without [illegible] [illegible]. I have
now a virtuous fit and intend to answer all my correspondents
hoping to clear the [illegible] now in the course of a few weeks. My
assistants are all left Sapporo in the [illegible] of July or [illegible],
and five of them went with me to the Port near Coal [illegible] we
surveyed two years ago near the [illegible] [illegible], north of Sapporo.
The other five worked northward from their last year's survey
towards the [illegible]. My instructions were to make a survey
for a railroad from the Poronai Coal to the mouth of the [illegible]
on the Ishikari River, and as the distance proved greater than we
expected and the difficulties greater owing to great swamps
that had to be avoided and as the season was a remarkably
rainy one we had to work hard to finish the survey together
with a little geological work before the 20th of September (with [illegible]
days of fair weather for the railroad survey). We managed however
to finish the line of seventeen miles and a half pretty satis-
factorily, I think. It is my first railroad line, and the
work was therefore the more interesting; but my geological
work is probably more useful and I should not have
agreed so readily to a [illegible] [illegible] so much out of my
line if I had supposed it would take so large a portion
of the season for field work. The rain however would have
been a great drawback in geological travelling. It was
but once that we had more than some two or three days of
pretty good weather at one time. Word was sent to us to come
back here by the end of September, and we reached Hakodate
in time enough, but had to wait there nearly a week for a
steamer and so arrived here only on the night of the fourth
of this month. Aomura and Ouchi [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the house all ready to receive me in [illegible]
I had sent from Yokohama. In Sapporo in July [illegible]
that telegraphing by the new telegraph was very [illegible]
I telegraphed to Numa [illegible] and next day [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that the house was still standing and that nothing of
special importance had occurred there. Mail matter was
delivered in Yezo this season much more promptly than
in former years though there is [illegible] room for [illegible]
[illegible] yet! There have been a few other changes besides the
completion of the telegraph. In August the boys' and girls'
schools were removed to Sapporo from Shiba, and in [illegible]
when two large dormitories had been put up and
[illegible] turned into school houses. Miss Dennis the
young English teacher of the girls' school went up there too
[illegible] young Mr. Clarke went as teacher of the boys'.
Mr. Rockwell having obtained a better position here in
the Kaisei gakko [illegible] [illegible]. As I was [illegible]
[illegible] the other day a story reached me that there
[illegible] [illegible] that the teachers were not to have their
contracts renewed after the first of January next; but it
is perhaps not [illegible]. It would certainly seem better for
the Kaitakushi to send its [illegible] to the Kaisei gakko
[illegible] [illegible] department here, instead of
importing both scholars and teachers to Yezo. My [illegible]
[illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] will not be renewed
even if the Kaitakushi should desire it. My assistants are
[illegible] and they are anxious that I should [illegible]
take a geological survey of all Japan, but no official [illegible]
in that direction have been made and there are [illegible]
by me and I shall make none. A number of American
men going home from here, the Williamses, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] by this mail. My excellent friends the McCartees have [illegible]
[illegible] if a good chance should occur, because [illegible]

was here, although her lively manner caused [illegible] to [illegible] most visitors. It is said there is to be a professorship of Chinese in the new Johns Hopkins Institution in Maryland and he would be a capital man for the place. He has had thirty years' study of the language here in the East, and is famous here for his remarkable knowledge of the language both spoken and written, though [illegible] strange prominence may have caused him to [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] here. He was a medical missionary in China and also served as United States Consul for many years. To begin with he had a good college and medical school education at Philadelphia. He has been here two or three years as professor at the Kaiseigakko and the Japanese have been well pleased that they renewed his contract last spring for two years and raised his salary. You know that I am not fond of missionaries in general, but this man seems to be an exception. He is a very agreeably estimable gentleman. — Now that the Kaitakushi schools and foreign employees have all left the Kaitakushi buildings in Shiba there is ample room there for offices, and my assistants and I have much better quarters than ever before. We have almost the whole of what was the Dutch ladies' division, the handsomest part of the whole building, and have used the large schoolroom they had adjoining their dwelling for a school room we do our mapping with pretty good lighting, in their old parlors and dining we have our minerals displayed in glass topped tables, while our finished and framed maps hang on the walls. There are four or five small rooms used for storing our implements, books and the like. We are going to make the place as fine as we can in the short time left. You have spoken of the Bakers as living in [illegible] Northampton. Baker was [illegible]

Shiba: 28 Oct. 1875.

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

I was so stupid yesterday as not to ask you if you had not been planning for others of the Engineer picnic party. If so, your brothers, it would give me additional pleasure I assure if you would bring them all here to tiffin with you. Perhaps Mr. Taylor and your brother would join the party; for you spoke of Mr. Hindmarsh as dining with you on Sunday, I believe, so that [illegible] should come here before tiffin [illegible] would [illegible] have some, while here they would make it all the merrier.

Yours very truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

telegraph me, if possible
today the time of your coming.
If you like I will send a young
man down to guide you here
to my house.

Yours truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

To un in, Daimon, Shiba, Yedo;
6 Nov. 1875.

Dear Morton:

I discovered your name last evening in the list of arrivals by the Alaska; and beg to know if you will not come up here and spend the day with me tomorrow. I am very busy week days, but more at leisure Sundays. If you can come, please come as early as you can, so that we can make if you like, some excursion through the town; and plea-

Le Comité me prie de vous
dire de sa part que vous
pouvez dès à présent vous
servir de votre bureau.

Votre tout dévoué
Henri Martin

Shiba, 6 Nov. 875.

C. Tarnow Esq.
No. 3 Yokohama.

Dear Sir:

Your favors of yesterday and of the 26th of last month have been duly to hand; and I have to thank you for your consideration in giving notice beforehand of your desire to apply for my place.

I have no expectation of renewing my engagement next month, and have no objection whatever to your applying for the place. Nevertheless as my time is extremely occupied at present I beg that you will not make your application in one as suggested, but rather make it directly yourself or through friends better acquainted with your wants than I am; so as to relieve me from all further attention to the matter.

Yours truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

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Ieunin, Daimon, Shiba, Yedo;
7 Nov. 1875.

Dear Morton:

The bearer of this, Iromaura by name, will travel third class, but will rejoin you at the station here, Shimbashi, and will get a jinrikisha for you, and bring you to the house. The old inscription on Madame Busque's door: "English "—an a little," applies to him.

Yours truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Shibo; 7 Nov. 1878.

My dear Dr. McCartee:

After leaving you yesterday it occurred to me that if you should not find a better copyist than Adachi within a month the opening might be just the thing for him; as my engagement with the Kaitakushi ends on the 7th of December, and he thinks it very doubtful whether the Kaitakushi employs him after I leave it. If I should stay longer in Japan for my own pleasure, I might like to have him for a short time, but could probably get along without him rather than keep him from getting a more permanent situation.

Yours very truly Ben. Smith Lyman

Kaitakushi, Yedo; 10 Nov. 1875.

Dear Mary:

I have to thank you for your favors of the 20th September and fifth October; and indeed cannot be too grateful for the faithfulness with which you describe Father's condition. Of course my anxiety is very great and every mail is waited for with the utmost impatience. I know how much your time is taken up but trust you can still find at least a few minutes & write me a line by each steamer, even if in your leisure you should feel too much used up to write a full a letter as you like to. My engagement here expires on the 7th of next month, and if Father is still living at that time I shall take the Sept steamer, probably about the tenth of December and reach Northampton by the middle of January. In order not to [illegible] your housekeeping I shall live in another house, but still hope to be of some use to Father in the way of nursing if he should still be sick or in reading and other matters if happily he should be in better health, as I sincerely hope he may be for many a year yet. It has been my dream for many months past to return to Northampton this winter for if his health should be very encouraging as late as the spring and live near him through the rest of his life. For that purpose I have planned a good deal of literary work which could be done there; and possibly a very short absence now and then for some geological job or a visit to Boston would only enliven you all.

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Your letters however are so very discouraging that I can only with many misgivings hope for his recovery from the present illness. In case we should be so unfortunate as to lose him within a month, I should probably delay my return to America a little, in order to avoid the winter journey and to see a little more of Japan in parts that are still unknown to me. So I beg that you will through Uncle Edward telegraph me (at my own expense of course) about his health about a month from this time. I may before this reaches you telegraph to Uncle Edward for information.

I have extremely little to offer in return for your kind letters; for there is but little variety in my life here at present. Mr. Lesley's brother Dr. A. V. Lesley of Newcastle Delaware wrote a [illegible] while ago that he was coming this way about this time. In looking for his name among the list of passengers by the last steamer but one, [illegible] I discovered a few days ago the name of Edwin Morton, my classmate, who lived four months with me in Paris. He was at Yokohama and I wrote a note the next morning asking him to come up here and spend the following day, Sunday; and he did so. I took him through the city to Ojee at the further [illegible] end, a pleasant place to visit especially at this season, when the Chrysanthemums are in bloom in the gardens and nurseries of that neighborhood. We had some Japanese food at Ojee, but he could not eat [illegible] he had taken but a scanty and early breakfast [illegible] to see the Botanical Garden that [illegible]

[illegible] 14 Nov. 1873

My dear [illegible]:

The small boy who bears this is going to go to your place every day commonly at three or four o'clock in the afternoon, to get the [illegible] paper, and on his way back will get a bottle of milk (1 Mex. a day [illegible]). If there is anything in the way of fresh vegetables now, I should like to have him take some [illegible], and if you will kindly [illegible] for them I will settle for them afterwards, if the [illegible] does not do so at once.

A telegram from Cruickshank last evening said that [illegible] is coming up here today with [illegible], and if they are not prevented from coming [illegible] [illegible] visit the [illegible] in [illegible]. I hope [illegible] a bouquet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Shiba: 14 Nov. 1873

My dear [illegible]:

The bearer of this small boy, is going to go to [illegible] for me every day commonly at four o'clock in the afternoon, and will [illegible] for me a bottle or two of milk (commonly one) if it can [illegible] right there. Will you be so kind as to put him in the way of it? and greatly [illegible]

Yours very truly
Benj. Smith Lyman

[illegible] Shall probably Cruickshank & party [illegible] the [illegible]

Shiba, 14 Nov. 75.

My dear Mr. Brohmer:

Mr. Cruickshank [illegible] this morning that the weather was too bad to come. Knowing that my cook had been [illegible] in a stock of eatables, which as they will not keep beyond tomorrow night I beg you will accept some of them [illegible] and that you [illegible] will come and eat [illegible] of the rest this evening [illegible]

[illegible]

Shiba, 14 Nov. 1875.

My dear Mr. Dun:

My Yokohama friends could not come on account of the weather, but my cook had [illegible] in [illegible] good portion, and as they will not keep beyond tomorrow I hope you will accept some of [illegible]. I wish, too, that you and Brohmer would come here and eat up [illegible] this evening [illegible]. I have been expecting you sometime [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

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W. G. Howell Esq.
Editor of the Japan Weekly Mail.

Sir:

Although I am certainly not a "successor" of General Capron you can hardly mean any [illegible] in "throwing down a challenge" as to information why [illegible] bred horses are not yet seen at the [illegible] [illegible] much in terribly threatening to "form your own judgment" in case no one should take the trouble to reply [illegible] seems to be an intimation that in these times when there is so little for newspapers to write about (for the stirring native politics seem to be obscured) [illegible] you would not object to the contribution of a column or so, especially if it should start an animated discussion, no matter if it should have the assent of personalities. I beg therefore [illegible] with two or three remarks worthy [illegible] your editorials.

In the first place [illegible] this best of the [illegible] brood of horses [illegible] have come out against the [illegible] It needs but the most rudimentary knowledge of [illegible] of the [illegible] of horses to [illegible] the very [illegible] bred, I shall not [illegible]

more than two years and a half old, and consequently hardly fit yet to appear on the Yokohama race course, even if it be admitted that the Kaitakushi has aimed such a glorious career for its horses. Truly, as you say yourself, "a frivolous and unintelligent spirit has too much animated the comments of the foreigners living in this country."

You will find by proper inquiry both here and [illegible] more in Yesso that the foreign horses brought out by the General have from the outset not been idle; but even in the unlikely event that in his absence his experiment of improving the breed, just as you now recommend, should be allowed to fail, there would hardly seem to be any justice (not to say trace of generosity) in hinting at the possibility of "twitting" him who originated the first systematic attempt at such an improvement. The hint seems to be of a piece with the recent cases of (to say the least) frivolous and unintelligent [illegible] in regard to him; such as, for example, that, after expressing a strong desire to return [illegible] soon, he should have (at the earnest request not only of his Japanese employers but of American friends combined with a very natural desire to see his volume of reports through the press) consented to stay here

or four months longer "like a corby"; and that he most injudiciously selected Sapporo as the capital of Yezo, a choice that was made a couple of years before his arrival in Japan, and not so badly made either, whatever may be said by certain Hakodate land owners who seem to think that the only important point on a frying pan is the tip end of its handle.

I know not what else has been meanly urged against him, but if he ever gets in the future one half the credit that belongs to him as the originator not only of the first systematic efforts to improve both the horses and cattle of Japan and to introduce foreign food plants and fruit trees (already propagated to the extent of a hundred thousand trees a year) better suited than the native ones to its northern climate, but as the originator of the first trigonometrical survey and the first geological survey of any considerable portion of the empire (not to mention other things), he will have more honor than is due to some that have been worshipped here as gods, and can afford to disregard those newspaper writers who like petty noisome insects still delight to "stink and sting," as your favorite Burke says (does he not?).

But let me add a few words more on a kindred subject, the suede parting kick you gave the other

to another American on his returning home from [illegible]
arrive here. It looked too much like letting loose [illegible]
a safe moment some long restrained personal ani-
mosity; but it cannot be supposed that the [illegible]
minds of editors harbor such feelings of [illegible]
It seems wholly impossible to conceive of any other [illegible]
but two for the article, in which it was difficult to [illegible]
any of that "fine stuff" you spoke of [illegible], though there
was plenty of "stuff" to be sure. One motive may [illegible]
been a desire to prove by contrast the [illegible]
[illegible] that you mention at the end; and the other
a wish to gain as many enemies as possible. We
all know that we are miserable sinners, but it [illegible]
agreeable to have the yard [illegible] in our teeth as in-
disputable and not even worth arguing; and to have
our [illegible] [illegible] abroad when our work there
[illegible] [illegible] already finished seems not only un-
[illegible] but [illegible]. You attribute however to the [illegible]
[illegible] in question the capacity of having held [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] four years of Congress, whereas it
[illegible] [illegible] the government would have left him
[illegible]
[illegible] if he had not been found suited to the
[illegible] [illegible] some time one or two [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] among your [illegible]

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presumably readers), your own constituents "whose bread you eat," according to the phrase you apply to the relation some of us hold to the government (though it is quite exact to say that the government eats our bread, yes, our very flesh). If one tenth of the charges you make against President Grant should however justly be published here by an American newspaper against the chief official of your country, you would undoubtedly burst out in righteous indignation, although you can scarcely be in the remotest degree responsible for her holding her office, and you would repeat your all-of-rather frequent assertion of the degraded condition of American journalism.

Your off hand allusion to the "poison of the American political system" is also good. "What is one man's poison is another man's meat"; and we think as your poison, and even a considerable portion of your own countrymen are longing to partake of it. If you try to get off by saying that by poison you mean only the imperfection that every political system must have; please remember that the [illegible] question, the [illegible] of which you are pleased [illegible] our president, [illegible] by no [illegible] a republican [illegible] and, if [illegible] can [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible]

of the monarchical governments of Europe, influences have not been wholly eradicated in a hundred years, particularly on account of their having been fostered by the aristocratic institutions of Slavery, which were in the beginning by your government, and which your government in the end did as much as it well could to perpetuate in our country. Now do not attempt to deny that last assertion; for the case has been tried and a small portion of the damages awarded. Let us at least poke you in the ribs since you poked us so seriously a dozen years ago.

Yours sincerely,
Benj: Smith Lyman.

Shiba, 16 Nov. 1878.

Tiba; 18 Nov. 1875.

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

I have to thank you for your note of last Sunday [illegible] for the batch of [illegible] and pamphlets [illegible] yesterday. I was very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to prevent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Jounin, Daimon, Shiba; 20 Nov. 1875.

W. G. Howell Esq.

No. 32 Yokohama.

Dear Sir:

If not too late, I would after all beg you to stop the printing of my letter of the 16th. Your recalling it to my mind by sending the proof yesterday has made me wish to remodel at least one passage in it. But my time and thoughts are just now too much occupied otherwise to give proper attention to a newspaper discussion.

Nevertheless, I trust you will withdraw your challenge given so directly to me, and hope that you may do something towards silencing the sense abuse about the General, if not treat Americans and American ~~subjects~~ matters generally with a little more consideration. This is hardly the community for a newspaper of one nationality to abuse another nationality however justly without special provocation.

As the letter has been put in type to no purpose (if you should not print it) I shall be happy to settle with your business manager for its expense.

Yours very truly

Benj. Smith Lyman

Jamaica, [illegible], [illegible]; 27 [illegible]

W. G. [illegible] Esq.

No. [illegible]

Dear Sir:

I have to thank you for your [illegible] of day before yesterday, but coming [illegible] and for [illegible] that you probably [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] my [illegible] about personal animosity and [illegible] manifestly and far [illegible], than "[illegible]" [illegible]; for I had no thought of any animosity except what might have arisen from some personal dispute, and I did not suppose that [illegible] harbored [illegible] grudge of that kind.

In my own case, sir, I had not imagined that the letter of [illegible] could in the least annoy you or be regarded as anything but a timely and good-humored [illegible] contribution, [illegible] your note of Thursday surprised me, and [illegible] this [illegible] my [illegible] and [illegible] the paragraph [illegible] your [illegible] had been [illegible] [illegible]. I shall [illegible] by [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] an article [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] an impartial [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

him is perhaps quite as slight as yours and possibly my opinion of his ability may not widely differ from yours. Still, I think that nothing important but pure annoyance would be produced now by publishing any an opinion in a pronounced manner, and that in your case the influence of your paper would both directly and indirectly be lessened far too much to be compensated by any good that would be gained. You may say, of course, that you are your own judge on that point; but it is equally true that your readers are their own judges as to the amount of indignation they feel at what seems to them unnecessary rashness. Moreover if the government has put up with an unsatisfactory adviser for so long, that fact seems to me much more due to the still unfortunately imperfect enlightenment of the country than to the misjudgment of any American who may have recommended him.

Yours very truly,

Benj: Smith Lyman.

Yenrin, Daimio Shiba; 23 Nov. 1875.

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

After the arrival of the coming mail from America it is likely that I may wish to telegraph to my Uncle in New York for information about the health of my father, in order to decide whether to hasten home by the steamer of the tenth [illegible] month or not; for the last two or three mails have brought extremely disquieting news about [illegible]. Can you tell me how many days it would probably take to get an answer by telegraph; and whether it is necessary to send it by steamer as far as Hongkong; and whether, if your house is telegraphing about other business, a few (7 or 8) words on such a private affair could be added without inconvenience and at less expense than a separate telegram would cost and with greater certainty of [illegible] transmission? I do not know whether a separate or [illegible] [illegible] signature would cost additionally.

Yours very truly, Benj. Smith Lyman.

Jonesin, Darien, Shiba.
23 Nov. 87.

Dear Mr. Munroe:

I have to thank you very much indeed for the neat and convenient tables of the dishes taken by you in Yezo. They must have given you a great deal of trouble, but will be extremely useful in the present form.

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

[illegible] Kaitakushi[?], [illegible] July 24 [illegible] 260

Dear Mary:

Your most anxiously expected favor of the eighteenth and nineteenth of last month came to hand this morning and gave me at least some little encouragement about father's health. [illegible] with the Kaitakushi ends on the sixth of next month and I hope to leave for America on the [illegible] [illegible]; and although I shall be employed[?] up to the last moment I hope to finish up and get off in time. There is still a great deal of work not finished such as map making and report writing and my intention had been to continue to work[?] away at it after the end of the term, it is so important both to the Kaitakushi and to me; but [illegible] not have made a new agreement with them even if they had wished it. They know [illegible] very well and do not wish a renewal, [illegible] have three times before refused to let me off; [illegible] would not have [illegible] anything to do so. [illegible] to finish what is most difficult and important [illegible] the exception of one map, so that the assistants [illegible] [illegible] themselves, and can send me [illegible] unfinished copies of that map, to add another [illegible] portion. A few days more would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I am so used oppressed and used up by these cares and by a cold in addition that I can make only a very poor return indeed for your faithful letters. Besides there are no startling or unusual domestic occurrences to write about. My classmate Morton is still in these parts but has come to see me but twice since I wrote last. He is under the impression that he "overstayed his welcome" at [illegible], and he is very anxious to avoid doing so again and persists in declining all invitations to stay here at my house. His view of the [illegible] affair had not occurred to me in precisely that light, but I did not take any oaths against his conviction. He stayed a very long time in Yokohama and is perhaps yet there, although he expects soon to pass along to India and Europe, being, as we say here, a "globe trotter," but my impression has always been that there was nothing special to [illegible] in Yokohama compared with Yedo and I have never stayed a night there (in there) in my life. My Yokohama friend Cruickshank who attends to my money matters has been talking of coming up here to see me for a year, and ten days ago finally telegraphed Saturday afternoon that he would come to [illegible] next day and bring a party of [illegible], of whom also there had been some talk before, including Mr. [illegible] Heinemann of the firm that corresponds with Uncle Edmund in [illegible]. Cook made haste to lay in a good supply of [illegible], but the morning proved raining and cold so that the guests did not [illegible]. My Kaitakushi colleagues Boehmer and Dunn helped me make way with the carnivorous portion of the victuals. Of course I am in no mood for planning [illegible] or dinner parties myself. It is perhaps fortunate in some [illegible] counts that there is a special reason for my hurrying home [illegible] otherwise I might be a long time in getting away, it is so hard [illegible] me to break up when I have long been in one place. [illegible] when here from [illegible] to this house, [illegible] I thought last spring [illegible] live with pleasure almost any [illegible] I found already [illegible] [illegible] to remove to some other dwelling. Still [illegible] [illegible]

Tounin, Daimon, Shiba; 25 Nov [illegible]

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

Many thanks for your favour of day before yesterday at hand yesterday. I see you misunderstood me [illegible]; it is not my uncle's health but my father's that makes me uneasy. If my father is still living I wish to hurry home as soon as possible after the end of my engagement [illegible] that is by the steamer of 10th Dec. [illegible] living [illegible] me here at least a few weeks longer. [illegible] therefore be greatly obliged if you [illegible] forward to my uncle E. H. R. [illegible] the following telegram, dated Yokohama [illegible] Answer. [illegible] by telegraph [illegible] If the message be [illegible] forwarded [illegible] should be [illegible]

Tounin, Daimon, Shiba; 29 Nov 1880.

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

If it be not too late I should like to change that telegram to my uncle so that it may read: "If Father lives, hope to sail tenth December. [illegible]." It begins to seem almost absolutely impossible to get off at that date, unless the [illegible] goes on a few days.

With many thanks for your note [illegible], and for your other trouble [illegible] the [illegible],

Very truly yours,

Benj. Smith Lyman

Jones's [illegible] Phila., 30 Nov. [illegible]

My dear Mr. Cruikshank:

I have to thank you for your note of yesterday. It is just as well that you kept the money here, for I should stay some time longer in town I should need it.

It seems very likely [illegible] impossible to get off by the Steamer [illegible] and [illegible] chances of getting an [illegible] Wilkinson in time to [illegible] of [illegible] very [illegible], it will be [illegible] from [illegible] Christmas, [illegible]

Yours very truly,
[illegible]

Shiba, 7 Dec. 1875.

Re Postmaster at Kobama will until further notice please forward anything for me by mail to Journin, Daimon, Shiba, Yedo, and oblige

Very Truly Yours

Kaitakushi, Yedo; 9 Dec. 1875. 266

Dear Mary:

The mail closes this evening and it is necessary to write before the arrival of the mail from America now over[due]. I am expecting some letter from you with much anxiety, though your last one hardly leads me to ~~expect~~ [look for] very soon a decided change in Father's health one way or the other, his disease seems so stationary. I am also telegraphing to Uncle Edward to get later news, and if there is any chance of my reaching home in time to find Father alive I expect to sail on the 24th of this month. If there be unfortunately no such chance I shall stay here at least a few weeks longer and see to the finishing of some of our maps, which I fancy to be of importance not only to the Kaitakushi and to my assistants and myself but to the world in general (you may smile at my conceit). My engagement ended on the night of the sixth, and I had thought of starting possibly by this steamer; but some days ago found that it was hardly possible to get away so soon. My work at the Kaitakushi was kept up until the last minute, and indeed is still going on daily as usual, according to my own proposal (for the reason just given) without any regular agreement and without compensation. Within a week or ten days the most essential part of the mapping will be done, leaving only copying and lettering to be done by the assistants except one important one which will be sent to me in America, if necessary, to receive the outcrops of the coal beds, when otherwise sufficiently ad[vanced]. On the fourth a very complimentary letter and some handsome presents came to me from Mr. Kuroda in view of the close of my contract, a stereotyped affair; yet the letter was very kindly worded and the presents were not a[lone] handsome and valuable, but chosen with special [regard to] fitness. I do not however like to take any pres[ents]

(and depending on [illegible])
in Kaitakushi, and, though unwilling to make an affair that itself seemed kindly meant the occasion of offending old Kuro I wrote a letter of thanks and begged to decline the gifts in a way that I thought would give no offence. Now the afternoon comes another letter urging their acceptance; "mere trifles" though they be, as a mark of appreciation and so forth, and bring in the compliments all the more. So I declined again and fear it may be less successfully than before so far as offensiveness is concerned. For two or three weeks now, everything has been going on as smoothly as possible, and it is not agreeable to have the fat all in the fire again. The presents are in fact a very handsome piece of bronze and silvering and gilding representing "a peacock on a rock" with another bird below, the whole to stand on a pretty stand of lacquered work. But the most interesting thing are a complete set of Japanese tea things, such as are used in the tea drinking and tea making entertainment of which I wrote last spring, and at which I am supposed to be the only foreign witness. Such tea things are not valued so much for their intrinsic worth as for their age, and some coarse earthenware cup for example is highly prized because it is extremely old. One of the articles at least among this set is some two hundred years old. Last spring I went several times to such tea drinkings, and two or three times went in Japanese full dress, a suit of Japanese clothes that I got particularly to show off at home in America, but that I have w[orn] a good deal here in the evenings on account of its comfort. Twice my exploits in the tea drinking line were mentioned in the Japanese newspapers, including the Japanese editor! So [illegible] how famous your relative is becoming. Some small parties have "shotoma" from some of my assistants and are highly pleased, though I do not like to encourage them to launch out in that way. [illegible] would undertake a geological survey of all Japan; but the government [illegible] up for money, and is dispensing with the services of [illegible] as fast as their terms expire. Everybody is [illegible] going home, and very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the good [illegible] and some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]

whether such a silly and imprudent foreign war will not be undertaken in the end as or the a probable necessity of avoiding war, although the government desires peace. I believe that Kuroda [illegible] for war with Corea and offers to go there himself. He [illegible], I suspect (as I did more than a year ago, at the time of the Formosa affair) that the two million dollars a year [illegible] by the Kaitakushi and not more than one quarter properly spent for Yesso, are in great part used for fomenting these and like troubles, which originate chiefly or wholly in Kuroda's native province, Satsuma. The Kaitakushi officials are almost wholly Satsuma men, an exclusiveness that is found in no other department. The income of the former daimio of Satsuma is the only daimio's income that is not exactly known. That daimio's real father (not his adoptive one) was lately the second highest official under the Emperor; but resigned the other day along with another high official on account of trouble arising chiefly from the Corean affair and the lack of money. It is even now uncertain whether he will not make some serious disturbance. The actions of the government are but imperfectly known to the public, and all sorts of rumors are flying about. — The Kaitakushi is now just distributing the few copies it has of General Capron's volume of reports (including mine) as the lithographing of the geological maps to accompany it has just been finished. It has also agreed to go on with the printing of my other maps and reports; and that in public one way for any official desire at present not unnecessarily to [illegible] the ill will here, though the printing is rather for their benefit [illegible] mine, at least as a [illegible] of insurance against loss by fire or accident. My classmate Horton is still in Yokohama, but goes perhaps in a day or two to Hongkong. He has been diligent in pumping [illegible] as to their opinions about Japan and each other, [illegible] to see as little as he well [illegible] for himself. He [illegible] about six days and a half and spent most of [illegible] dinners and in seeing [illegible] [illegible] the address [illegible]

Tounin, Shiba; 12 Dec. 1875.

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

I have just discovered in my pocket your favor of the thirtieth of last month. I had glanced at the enclosed account [illegible] first time. It seems to be all right. [illegible] thank you very much for your [illegible]

[illegible] the telegram [illegible] New York [illegible]

[illegible] days [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Shiba; 15 Dec. 187[illegible]

My dear Mr. Boehmer:

Many thanks for your magnificent present of cigars and cigarettes. Hope you will come here often & smoke a good share of them yourself. Why not drop in with Dunn this evening to dine? it is the birthday of my particular friend [illegible]. I do not know the name of the man who sold the plants but, if you like, [illegible] write to Cruickshank to enquire; or, if you are going yourself to Yokohama, [I] can give you a line to him so that you can find the [illegible] without delay.

Although "free" from the [illegible], I do not get free time enough to walk at [illegible] in the morning [illegible] but hope to do so [illegible] before I go away.

Yours very truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

[illegible] Shi[illegible]
18 Dec. 1875.

Dr. A. V. Ashby [illegible]

My dear Doctor:

After almost giving up expecting you any longer I found your name [illegible] the list of passengers by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Yokohama, I send [illegible] tomorrow, to meet you up and bring you here if you can come and put up with the accommodations I have to offer you. My engagement with the Government here is just ended and it is probable (though not yet quite certain) that I shall go to America in the next [illegible] (28th Dec.). Meanwhile I am very busy, and that is my reason for not going in person to Yokohama [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Daimon [illegible]
19 Dec. 1875

Mr. Edwards,
Yokohama

Dear Sir:

Please send the bearer for me one bottle of Crosse & Blackwell's [illegible] [illegible] a small [illegible] and take your pay from him, and [illegible]

Yours truly,

Benj'n [illegible]

Shiba: 17 Dec. 1873.

Dear Mr. Noguchi:

I forgot to correct for you the ending of that letter yesterday. The common official ending would be:

"I have the honor to be
" Your Excellency's
Most obedient servant."

It is possible that in some other details I could improve upon what I did not yet do, if you will send the rough draft to me again.

Yours very truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

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Kiba; 14 Dec. 1875.

Dear Mr. Noguchi:

I send you herewith what seems to me a somewhat improved draft of the letter. The ending should correspond [illegible] the beginning, as I have made it. If Mr [illegible] signs the translation there is perhaps no need of adding the word "(signed)" near the signature. If he does not sign it, the translation should have the word "Translation" written [illegible] up, and in any [illegible] should have the responsible translator's name at [illegible] bottom as a guarantee that [illegible] of the original [illegible] been perfectly [illegible]. But as a foreign embassy has its own interpreters and translators, who can verify the translation, such a guaranty is perhaps not so necessary in this case. In translating from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] English, it is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the exact meaning of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Jounin, Damir, Liba; 22 Dec. 1875.

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

I have begun to expect with some impatience an answer to my telegram to America; but it has occurred to me that possibly you have been waiting for more explicit instructions about sending the telegram after the arrival of the Steamer. The [illegible] is still just as bad or even [illegible] and I should like to have the telegram go [illegible] if there is any chance of getting an answer in time. I am supposing it is possible to telegraph by way of Tabriz though the other line is still closed. but you know better than I about that. The telegram should now be worded: "If Nathan lives, [illegible] till twenty eighth December. Answer. Lyman." I am uncertain about the telegraph rules, whether for example the address and [illegible] are [illegible], and if it would [illegible] [illegible] to add a few words more.

Yours very truly, Benj. Smith Lyman.

Tounein, Daimon, Shiba,
22 Dec. 1875.

My dear Dr. Berkema:

Many thanks for your note just at hand, and I congratulate you and your wife most heartily on the happy event you announce.

Thinking you may have
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Tsunein, Daiman, Shiba, 23 Dec. '75.

My dear Mr. Brickerhoff:

The telegram you sent is just right and I am very greatly obliged to you for your trouble about it. As the mail will come so near the last day, every minute will be important; and I should be very glad to have it sent up to me by telegraph as well as by mail, if that would not trouble you too much.

Yours very truly,

Jas. Smith Lyon

Trenton, Thursday, March 23 1865

My dear Mr. Bonnichsen:

The telegram you sent to Mrs
Hall caused me very great delight
yesterday for I knew that the news
will cause so much sad joy, very possibly
will be instrumental in saving a very

dear & true friend from the [illegible]
& will in my mind [illegible] well
[illegible] to mend.

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Jounin, Daimon, Shiba,
24 Dec. 1875.

Mr. Wirkowski.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Brehmer said the other day that you were willing to sell the pieces of red lacquer of which I wrote before for thirty five dors. If you are still of the same mind I should now be willing to take them, and would beg you to hand them to the bearer of this, & he will pay you the money & pay for them.

Yours very truly

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Towers, Denmore, Bucks.
24 Dec. 1875.

Mr. Middleton.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Hopkins said
the other day that you were
willing to sell it piece or
not together, should I wish
either for thirty pair pieces of
pipe or still more. If
I should want the willing to
take them, and would buy upon
about ten or twelve yards,
& be at liberty to pay for
them very truly
Yours truly
Thos. Smith Clarence.

Kaitakushi, Yedo; 28 Dec. 187[illegible]

Dear Mary:

Your favor of the seventh of last month came to hand eleven days ago, very late owing to the stormy passage. In spite of the encouragement you give at the end, the letter on the whole almost destroyed all remaining hope of Father's recovery or even partial recovery; for it is very striking how steady a decline in strength your fortnightly letters record, and that he, though comparatively feeble to begin with, should so long go over three months of such illness is to me almost incredible. Nevertheless although he must now have been sick four months, and before this reaches you about five months and a half, I have been extremely anxious to go by this steamer in hopes of seeing him again and of gratifying his wish that you mention, [illegible] slight it may be, of seeing me again. Still, if it be impossible to accomplish those ends by going now, there are very [illegible] reasons for not leaving Japan yet; and in order to decide the matter better I telegraphed to Uncle Edward [illegible] for information about Father. Owing to a misunderstanding [illegible] friend in Yokohama in the house of Uncle Edward's [illegible] [illegible] did not send the telegram until several days [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] but yet apparently in ample [illegible] [illegible] answer [illegible] days ago, and I intended to start [illegible] if the answer should give any encouragement [illegible] [illegible] strangely enough, no answer has [illegible] [illegible] worried almost to death with anxiety [illegible]

[illegible]

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finished Kaitabushi work that I expected to leave, and that it is important not merely for the Kaitabushi (to which I am no longer bound) for my assistants and for myself as well as (I fancy) for the work at large and particularly our family should be continued at least a little further, if not in two or three months completed, under my own eye. After waiting until late last evening for the telegram, the plan of going by this steamer was finally given up as no longer possible. If the answer should not come within two or three days, I shall probably telegraph again in hopes of hearing something before the departure of the next steamer, about the tenth of January. If Uncle Edward intentionally sends no answer it must be because my coming now would be useless; but I wished for an answer in any event. This suspense is almost unendurable. I know very well that Father's generosity would make him discourage my going if he thought it gave the least inconvenience, not to say if it was hindered by matters of great importance; but that feeling on his part makes me wish all the more to go, and I hope you will not let him imagine that going will cause any trouble, if there be a chance of finding him alive.

My young assistants are very excellent fellows, and [illegible] our work as much as possible before my [illegible] they have been denying themselves much of the holidays, and offering to deny themselves still more of the Christmas and New Year's vacation. They have shown [illegible] kindness too in making me parting presents. Nevertheless they have been hoping that my return would be a speedy one, and [illegible] I would accept an offer of work that [illegible] to me by the Interior Department here.

no agreement has been arrived at in respect to salary and I
doubt very much indeed whether any will be, though there
is yet a ~~[illegible]~~ possibility of further proposals. They have
already offered a small increase (at least ~~a nominal~~ one) of my
late salary, but I want more to induce me to stay, although I
should not insist upon three times that salary according to my
view that I should be three times as valuable ~~& then~~ now
as I was three years ago owing to my having ten or a dozen
assistants already somewhat trained in my method of work
and that I have such a smattering of the language that no
interpreter is needed, and that ~~[illegible]~~ some of the time would be lost
that is necessarily lost by a new comer. I was glad enough
to have the offer that was made, since it is proof that in spite
of the difficulties I have had here the government is not inclined
to drive me away. The only two Japanese connected
with the Interior Department and concerned in this affair that I know
formerly in the Kaitakushi and are good fellows, and I
have had hopes that in case of my serving that department
there would be no such business troubles as there
have been in the Kaitakushi, though the risk of such troubles makes a higher salary necessary. The offer of work there is
all the more pleasing from the fact that I have not
lifted a finger in the matter. That is, however, the reason
perhaps why no higher salary is offered. My young assistants are zealously interested in the affair, though it
to have taken them by surprise, and are interested not by
general principles but because the plan is to have transferred
for four years at least to the Interior Department
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

of the [illegible] and the rigors of the [illegible] climate, besides giving them a chance to go on with their geological studies and practice. Indeed, it is chiefly on account of my connection with them that I would like to stay, for in any geological surveying elsewhere I shall greatly miss their aid; and I have been anxious to establish our method of work (Mr. Lesley's) as thoroughly in Japan (and Asia) as possible; and, if we are separated now, they may fail to make further progress in the art. The project was to engage me now for two years to come.

Dr. Ales Lesley at last arrived by the last steamer after I had pretty much given him up. Having seen his name in the list of passengers I sent down Nomura last Sunday morning to hunt him up and if possible bring him back along and sure enough they arrived together about one o'clock. I had supposed the Doctor would make me quite a visit but it turned out that he found the weather here so cool that he was impatient to get to a warmer climate, and so went by last Wednesday's steamer to Shanghai on his way to Hongkong, Singapore and I believe Batavia. He staid here only Sunday afternoon and I was able in so short a time to show him but few sights. He hopes however to come again to Japan and see it more thoroughly. His journey seems bestrewn with accidents; he broke a rib in California but knit well together again on the long (29½ days) and very stormy voyage; and now word comes that his steamer in the Yellow Sea struck another one causing a loss of sixteen or 24 lives but collapsing without injury to its own passengers. — Sunday evening I dined, as rather often of late on Sunday evenings, with Dr. & Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]. On Tuesday she gave birth to a boy, & both are doing [illegible];

Please give my love to all and [illegible] [illegible]

Tounin, Daimon, Shiba:
28 Dec: 1870

My dear Dr. Beukema:

Your note about the servants did not come to hand until I went to the Kai-takushi yesterday. I have today talked with Nomura about your change of plan, and I think he will be content to remain with me. — Perhaps my cook & his wife and daughter may suit the French Colonel ~~and daughter~~ if I should leave them free. — I have no word yet from America, and cannot say [illegible] — Please give my regards to your wife.

Yours very truly, [illegible]

[illegible] Shiba,
[illegible] Dec. 1875.

[illegible] Brothers,
[illegible] Yokohama.

[illegible]:

Enclosed please find an order in your favor on Mr. G. J. Cruickshank of the house of Messrs. Mourilyan, Heimann & Co., No. 33 Water Street, Yokohama, for [illegible] dollars [illegible] in pay[ment] [of] your bill of the Monday [illegible] for [illegible] three barometers for the Kaitakushi.

[illegible] acknowledge receipt and [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Smith Lyman.

Tsuneji, Daimon, Shiba,
29 Dec. 1875.

Mr. S. S. Komuro,
Tokio Engraving Company.

Dear Sir: I am requested by the Kaitakushi to ask you to print three hundred (300) copies more of the Yamukushinai, Idzumisawa, Washinoki and Sorachi maps each, and five hundred copies more of the Makumbets map.

Yours very truly,
Benj. Smith Lyman.

Tounin, Daimon, Shiba; 2, [illegible]

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

I take the liberty of drawing on you this morning for sixty three dollars ($63) in favor of Messrs. Van Lieu & Brothers.

What do you suppose can be the reason that no answer has yet come to my telegram? It has been a great disappointment to me, and in the absence of any news I have concluded to [illegible] at least for the next steamer in order to attend to some very important business here. If no answer should come from New York within two or three days I shall probably wish to telegraph again. If my uncle intentionally withholds the answer, it must be because my going home now would be useless. If the City of Tokio should be very much delayed possibly an answer may come from San Francisco in time for me to start by her; but I [illegible] nothing certain about her day or hour of sailing.

Sincerely yours,

Benj: Smith Lyman.

Kaitakushi, Yeso; 3 Jan. 1875. 281

Dear Mary:

The steamer for which I wrote about a week ago has been delayed by an accident to its screw so that I can add a few lines now. On the thirtieth came a telegram from Uncle Edward in answer to my inquiry, and he said: "Father worse; mind wrecked; recovery hopeless." [illegible] would seem therefore to have advanced even further [illegible] I had thought probable and it seems very unlikely that I could now arrive in time to be of any use, six or seven weeks at least after the date of the telegram. Even if life should not quite have departed there is no hope that any intelligence would remain at that time, so that my absence would not be missed nor my presence recognized. [illegible] been making up my mind to go on with my duties here, and give up the journey home for the present. Nevertheless as Uncle Edward, thinking me perhaps on my way, may not telegraph to me here I am planning to telegraph him again and ask him to telegraph anything decisive. In case there should be anything decisively in favor of my returning at once telegram sent immediately would probably arrive in time to enable starting by the steamer of the tenth of this month. (Telegraphing is this year fortunately cheaper) It is difficult to judge what is best to be done at this distance, but it is necessary to according to what seems most probable. The [illegible] which I stay here seem to me extremely important

Washington, Dec. 3rd, 1917.

Dear Henry:

I am glad that you wrote me as you did, for it has given me an opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate your kindness in sending me the telegram. I am very much pleased with it and shall keep it as a souvenir of the occasion.

I am very glad that you are coming to Washington for the holidays and hope that you will be able to stay with us. We have a spare room and shall be very glad to have you occupy it. Please let me know when you will arrive so that I may meet you at the station.

Sincerely yours,

returning here would not enable it to be accomplished [illegible] like as well as staying here now. A renewal of my agreement however with the Kaitakushi was so very distasteful that I am now receiving no salary. Still, the work is the finish of a number of the most important maps and reports, the result of the three years' survey, and no one can do it properly without me. If I should stay and finish them I am so bold as to imagine that they will be somewhat very useful indeed to the Kaitakushi and the Japanese government and indirectly to the world at large, as [illegible] as rather creditable to myself and perhaps some [illegible] family and may perhaps, together with previous exploits (such as they are), ensure the opportunity at any future time of earning a respectable livelihood. — Although my letters have been so filled with my own doings and plans you must not think me forgetful of what you and Lizzy have been doing and undergoing; for you would be indeed very greatly mistaken. While my presence at home would ~~probably~~ very likely ~~[illegible]~~ cause to you both as much annoyance and embarrassment as advantage at such a time as the present, perhaps hardly anything better can be done than ~~but~~ to look on from a distance and admire your devotedness and to feel the profoundest gratitude for it. I trust you will be spared from sickness yourselves, and that you will be enabled after the present trial is past to take such special care of [illegible] health (and your own at the same time, I hope) as you have long [illegible] wishing to do. — Please give my love to all and my wish[es for a] happy New Year. The holiday celebrations here are in full blast, but as I [have] kept very constantly in the house I see very little of them. [illegible] young Japanese friend [illegible] visiting me. [illegible] Your affectionate brother [illegible]

Kaitakushi, Yedo, 5 Jan. 1878.

E. H. R. Lyman Esq.
Care of Messrs. A. A. Low & Brothers,
Burling Slip, New York.

My dear Uncle:

I have to thank you very much for the telegram about Father's health received on the thirtieth of last month. The message is so discouraging that it seems (as far as can be judged at this distance) quite too late to reach Northampton in time to see him living or at least conscious; and as there is very important business here to be attended to, I have concluded to give up the plan I had of sailing by the present steamer, now so long delayed by the breaking of its screw. I should be glad however if you would telegraph (at my expense of course) anything decisive either in favor of my immediate return or of Father's release; and with that view I am intending to send you another telegram, as otherwise you may suppose that I have already started.

If there should be no strong reason for my return, I shall stay here until Spring at least, to finish up properly my surveys, maps and reports. There is some talk of employing me for two years after that in another department here; but I am uncertain of the [illegible] [illegible]. Please give my love to all. Yours affectionately, Benj. Smith Lyman.

Jounin, Sannan, Shiba.
7 Dec. 1876.

My dear Mr Cruickshank:

I have to thank you very much for your note of yesterday as well as for all the trouble you have taken in my behalf.

I shall [illegible] at least two or three months longer.

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Kaitakushi, Yedo; 10 Jan. 1876.

Dear Mary:

Your favor of the nineteenth of November came to hand on the sixth of this month telling me for the first time that Father could hardly live until New Years, and promising that you would write if he died; and a few hours later came the telegram with the last sad news of his death [illegible]. The letter at this stormy season was forty-eight days in coming. If it had come, as letters sometimes do, [illegible] in thirty days, I should not have telegraphed and [illegible] hardly have entertained as I did for so long a time the hope of seeing him again. However much we may regret his loss it is doubtless as you say a relief to him, a release from [illegible] bodily infirmities. That reflection combined with the fact that our minds have been for three months becoming gradually accustomed to the thought of the probable result of his [illegible] makes it easier now to bear the departure of this genial, generous and [illegible] as it is even at this distance. I think the beauties of his character have not been altogether appreciated by some even of his friends who would have perceived and [illegible] them better if united (supposing that possible) to more successful money [illegible]. But I hope I may be able some day to give [illegible] [illegible] and their descendants as [illegible] [illegible] some hint of the rare qualities [illegible] [illegible] be forgotten because they are [illegible] [illegible] those who [illegible] [illegible] does not wholly depend [illegible] [illegible]

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Father's kindly interest and harmless, not unjustifiable pride (vanity, if you please) in the little successes of his children was a chief incentive to exertions towards gaining such successes and the greatest pleasure they could give was the consciousness of his enjoyment of them. That was a strong motive in my case for trying to get what little reputation I could by my work here; and I amused my fancy with the gratification he would feel at the effect of any such success either on my future business or scholarly prospects, (or on my) privately particularly better employment here. Indeed, even now that he is gone, the desire to carry out his wishes and do credit to him and to his name is not without its force. My hope to be sure was, if I should stay here, to be able to add something to his bodily comfort also, perhaps even better than I could by living in America. They have here within a few days decidedly increased the inducements towards my staying here a couple of years longer, and in respect to salary offer an increase of about one half over my present one, including more liberal arrangements about travelling expenses and house rent than the Kaitakushi had, so that, if I should live as heretofore, I should make a considerable saving on that alone. My official relations and treatment seem likely to be much better too than they have been for two years past and as my assistants are very much interested in my staying, and I in their more fully acquiring Mr. Lyman's and my geological methods, it is now far from improbable that I may stay although the salary offered is not yet quite what I had thought of. Perhaps I am too greedy and overrate the value of my services

A month ago, when I was expecting to go home very soon, I offered my little collection of minerals to my assistants as a gift, if they would form themselves into a society for the pursuit of geology and (after they should have become more proficient) for its advance. I had formerly dreamed of perhaps selling it to the government here; but, as you know, am not a very good merchant. By giving it to them I not only save myself a great deal of trouble in packing it up and toting it about, but they get a means of study that they very much need. They liked very well the idea of starting the society; [illegible] and the first meeting was held last Wednesday (the fifth) at the house of Mr. Yamauchi, my former assistant, who is one of the prime movers in getting me to stay for the Interior Department (Naimusho) and will be my chief assistant there. General Otori (formerly in the Kaitakushi, now the holder of three offices there) is even the prime mover, and there (when [illegible] were necessary) in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the part of Okubo the head of the Naimusho and the third or fourth man in the government, under the Emperor. The work proposed is a survey of the oil lands of Nippon chiefly north and west of Yedo and also on this side of Kiyoto. Otori encourages me to think that at the end of the engagement an increase of salary will be offered again; but such encouraging words are cheap and do not [illegible] [illegible]. I am anxious to ground the young men a little better [illegible] [illegible] in surveying and think that in a couple of years [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can work alone, though not [illegible]

Kaitakushi, Yedo; 15 Jan. 1876.

E. H. R. Lyman Esq.,
28 Remsen St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Uncle:

I thank you very much for your kindness in sending me the telegram about Father's death, received at Yokohama on the fifth and here the next day. Please set up the expense of that and of the same telegram to my account. On the sixth also came a letter from Mary of the 19th of Nov. already foretelling the speedy termination of Father's life and promising to telegraph; so that, if the letter had had a quick, summer passage we should have probably been saved the trouble of our former messages. I shall now stay here two or three months longer at least, to finish up some very important work on hand; and it is not now unlikely that I may stay a couple of years longer, as the government, in another, better department, has already come up in its offers to an increase of over one half of my late salary, and other inducements to stay are very strong; and now by Father's loss one very great inducement to return is has been taken away. — I ought to have thanked you long ago for the statement of my accounts sent last July.

Please give my love to all your family, and believe me always

Your affectionate nephew
Benj. Smith Lyman.

[illegible], [illegible] Phila., 13 Jan. [illegible]

My Dear Dr. [illegible]:

Many [illegible] for your favor received last evening. You will be interested [illegible] portion of a letter I received a couple of days [illegible] from Professor Henry of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington in answer to one I wrote him abo[ut] [illegible]. He says: "I shall forward your letter to President [illegible] of the Johns Hopkins University with [illegible] marks of my own in regard to the writer. What [illegible] will be I cannot say as I know not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Chinese [illegible] [illegible], that such an appointment ought to be [illegible] considering the wealth of the Institution and the growing importance to our country of a more intimate knowledge of China and the countries speaking its language." My answer seems to [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I had reason to expect, but whether it has [illegible] enough to accomplish anything is another question. He adds that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] in building a house to live in [illegible].

My being very much worried about my [illegible] [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]

Jounin, Daimon, Thiba; 29 Jan. 1876.

Dear Mrs. Benkema:

It will give me great pleasure to dine quietly with you tomorrow according to your kind invitation just received. I am really much to blame for neglecting so long to pay my respects; but have been a good deal out of sorts in consequence of so much bad news from home. Your husband had scarcely left me the other day when word came of the death of my father on the third of this month. It was a happy release to him but a great disappointment to me.

Yours very truly
Henry Smith Lyman

Junin, [illegible], Shiba, Yedo;
11 Feb. 1878.

Dear Mary:

Your very kind favors of the twenty third of December and of the [illegible] of January came to hand in the last mail. The account you gave in the form of Father and his delirium was really distressing, and it was a great relief to learn, [illegible] by the later letters, that so dreadful a condition did not last very long, and that his remaining days and final departure were of a happier kind. It was indeed, as you felt, a desirable release to him at the last. "The machine" ~~indeed~~ really was "running down," and seemed to fail in many parts at once. The fatigues of the long illness and constant care and frequent watching must have been extremely trying to you and Lizzy both; but I sincerely hope that with greater freedom from care than you have had for years you may now take such rest as fully to recover your health and usual spirits. And speaking of health it is perhaps worth while for me to mention here what I have constantly been meaning to say and constantly forgetting, say of a method against indigestion that I discovered a year and a half ago and that may be of value to you although I am not aware that you are any longer troubled with dyspepsia.

Smith of Springfield when he was at our house & Mother no doubt had the method in mind, though I did not fully comprehend, when he said: "If you only give your attention to it, you can digest anything — even — mince pie!" The method is an exceedingly simple one, as it seems at first, but is in reality extremely difficult to carry out. It consists merely in doing absolutely nothing (not even reading, nor dictating) but digest, for about fifteen minutes, at least, after each meal; half an hour is still better if the exercise after that is to be rather violent, like horseback riding. If you have never tried it and are still ever troubled with indigestion, I hope you will give it a fair trial, and am sure that you will find the heartburn and other symptoms of the trouble will disappear, that the food will be better utilized by the body and that flesh and vigor will be restored. My perception in the matter became so nice that even the reading of a newspaper within five or ten minutes after a hearty meal will noticeably (for a few minutes) affect my head, though my health is so good and strong that there would not probably be very soon any striking effect on the body in general nor perhaps even on stomach. — I am reminded by these experiments of the time when they began while travelling last summer and of the comments you made on the

Jounin, Daimon, Shiba, Yedo;
11 Feb. 1876.

My dear Mr. Lesley:

I have just been acknowledging to Mr. Pearse the receipt of your Reports D, I and II, but ought not to fail to thank you also more directly. I have only had a chance to read them, D. I. oil report and your still more interesting paper appended to it; but I am counting on a pleasure within a few days of going through the other volumes. I have been promising my friend J. G. H. Godfrey (the foreign chief of the Mining Department here, and under a change of name is my old Freiberg fellow student and friend Johann Gottfried Hochstatter) to find out how he can get a copy of Wrigley's report on the oil region and now I suppose he will want Carll's when he sees it on my desk as he did the other. He is very willing to pay for the books if this is for sale; but if the reports are in general distributed gratuitously, he would be a very proper man indeed to send them to. Although a Darmstadter, he went to London after Freiberg and worked with Percy, then spent six years in Cuba, a year or so in Lake Superior, and made

sundry surveys in Spain and elsewhere, became a British subject and just before coming out here a few years ago changed his name and married an excellent English wife. If the reports in question can be sent him please let me know how to get them; in case you should send them at my expense I would gladly reimburse you.

To my surprise, the Government here in December proposed that I should stay a couple of years longer in the service of the Interior Department (much more apparently than the Cabinet, and having for its head the third or fourth officer of the government) in order to survey the oil lands of the main island, which seem to be much more productive than those of the Punjab, though probably quite as recent in age or more so. The matter has at length gone so far that we are just closing the bargain, and I am likely to stay. I have been very anxious to carry the training of my dozen Japanese assistants, very fine fellows, a little further, so as thoroughly to establish here our method of geological surveying; and under the new arrangement my relations with the officials here promise to be far pleasanter than they have been for the past; I shall have much better means to do

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[illegible] on their part or of politeness, as if [illegible]
[illegible] (this is not for publication), which is [illegible] to be ware
[illegible] their ignorance of modern, best improved methods
[illegible] of any kind of [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] matters and things in general makes them
[illegible] like children; and though children are charming
as friends and companions and subordinates they often
[illegible] disagreeable as employers or as business equals. The
men I shall have to do with in the Interior Department [illegible]
be much more enlightened and experienced in business and
willing to make such explicit agreements with me as will
[illegible] to prevent future misunderstandings. They offer a salary
of ten thousand dollars a year and such liberal allowances for
house rent and travelling that if I live without [illegible] as heretofore I shall
save eight hundred or a thousand dollars a year out of them; and
they are also willing to have the agreement date from the first of
this month. I was so unwilling to make any agreement again with
the [illegible] that I took no steps towards a renewal of our [illegible]

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but proposed to work along and continue the position of my assistants until our maps and reports shall be finished without any remuneration whatever. I even positively refused some handsome presents they sent me on the expiration of the contract; I was so out of conceit with them; and was therefore all the more surprised at the other departments proposal for keeping me here. The Kaitakushi work will probably be finished in about six weeks more. The gratified smile on the faces of my assistants yesterday when I told them the new engagement had been finally pretty much agreed upon was very charming; but aside from the agreeable personal relations between them all and me, they feel that they have much to gain by the transfer (for four years in their case) to the Interior Department and by the assurance that they will be kept at geological work all that time and [illegible] in a much better country than Yesso.

[illegible] a flying visit for a few hours in December [illegible] Alcock, but he was hastening to [illegible] [illegible] he will look [illegible] [illegible] This has been a sad [illegible]

[illegible] ; but the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of it. [illegible] [illegible]

of my journey. When I read your letter, I thought
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that anybody outside your immediate family would
be rather amused at the high idea you seemed to
have received from the book as to the severity of
hardships I had undergone. The life in the Western
woods was to be sure not quite so comfortable in
some respects as living at Northampton or even in
Yale; but I had not thought of looking at it in quite
so extreme a light as your vivid imagination led
you to do; and no doubt many thousands (indeed, millions, if you reckon the poor who are accustomed to privations all their life) undergo greater hardships year in and year out and would find my experience a holiday pleasuring. To me even that summer's experience seemed nothing very unusual in the way of hardship, and this last summer's field life, though shorter and busier was more severe, and the same may be said of other seasons in America. Doubtless your recent experience in Father's illness and his own exposure was far more trying. A year ago while toiling thro' with my own illness I would think how much easier was the most fatiguing uncomfortable two weeks travel and work, and realized how much more many sick women must endure than do adventurous explorers whom they think so much of and hear

[illegible] once within two or three days pretty much [illegible] that I am to stay here a [illegible] Japanese longer, though the contract has not yet been actually signed. The [illegible] assistants seemed delighted yesterday when I told them of the result; for besides our being all on the very best terms with each other, my staying ensures their [illegible] [illegible] the Kaitakushi to the Interior Department (or [illegible]) for four years and their being kept in geological work at least so long, instead of having to [illegible] [illegible] so, and perhaps have little or no [illegible] and that not geological. Indeed, I have for some time thought it very probable that it would be arranged so that I should stay; for some twenty or twenty-five Japanese were [illegible] more interested in it than I, and I was interested [illegible] all with some reference to them. The work we are [illegible] [illegible] is a survey of the oil lands of the main island, [illegible] [illegible], and they seem to be much more productive than those of the Punjab, and we shall likely enough [illegible] [illegible] officials I should have to do with in the [illegible] to be much more enlightened and experienced in business than the Kaitakushi men, and seem disposed to agree [illegible] [illegible] satisfactory arrangements about the contract [illegible] business. They offer $10,000 a year for salary and $16⅔ a month for house rent, whereas they [illegible] [illegible] $15½ a month and I doubt whether I could [illegible] [illegible] better than keep it, especially as we shall be in the city [illegible] [illegible] months in the winter season. The travelling allowance [illegible] [illegible] be so liberal as to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] perhaps $[illegible] or $500, without [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whole is [illegible] half [illegible] again [illegible] [illegible]
I [illegible] [illegible] this is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Jonnin, Dainim, Shiba; 14 Feb 1876.

My dear Mr. Cruickshank:

Enclosed you will find a draft for a hundred [illegible] which please pay to the bearer [illegible] my [illegible] clerk, [illegible]. If [illegible] convenient to you, [illegible]

If you could, [illegible], put me in the way of getting three dozen (bottles) of that good claret you helped me to buy last autumn (or some equally good and if possible as cheap) and a dozen bottles of really good sherry and [illegible] charge the cost of the same to my [illegible] I should feel very greatly obliged.

Yours very truly

Benj. Smith Lyman.

Jennings Damon, Shiba;
14 Feb. 1876.

Mr. J. Edwards,
No. 89. Yokohama.

Dear Sir:

Please sell the bearer for me one quart bottle of Crosse & Blackwell's Salad oil, and take your pay from him; and oblige

Yours truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

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Jourdan, Damian, Shibai;
14 Feb. 1876.

F. R. Wetmore & Co.
3028, Yokohama

Gentlemen:

Please sell the bearer for me one Mann's Patent Parchment Letter Copy book, 11 inches high by 9 inches wide (three hundred) pages, and take your pay from him. As you once by mistake sent another kind, I take the liberty of begging that you will see that it does not happen so this time.

Yours truly
Benj. Smith Lyman.